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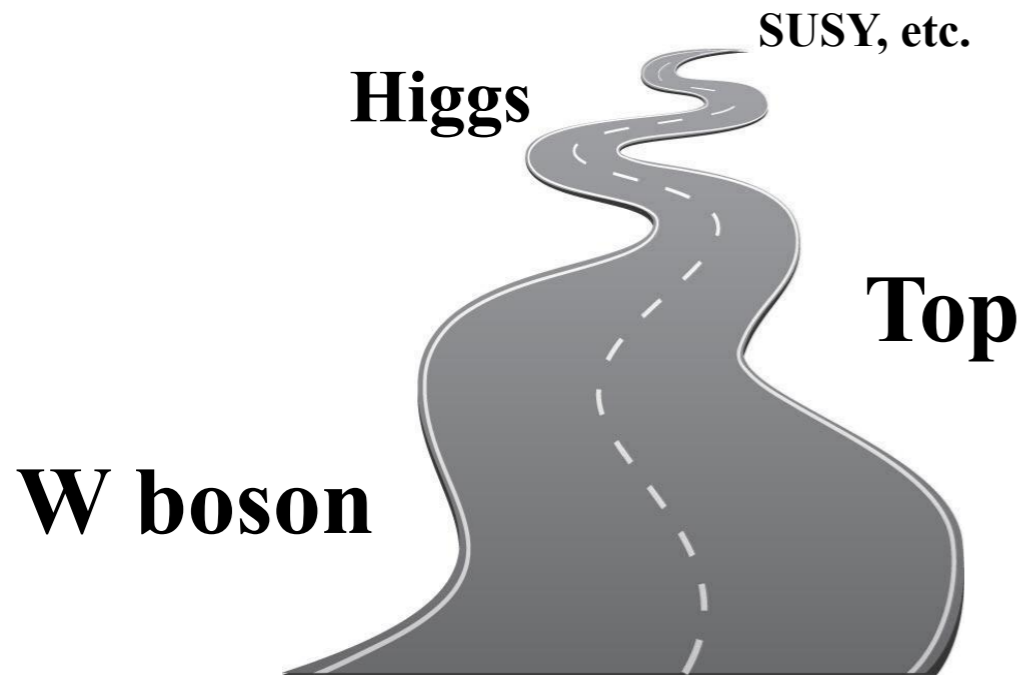
More than a review, what follows is a ToDo list.

For references, and much more, see this [EPJC Review](#):

Towards a Muon Collider

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HEP Yesterday



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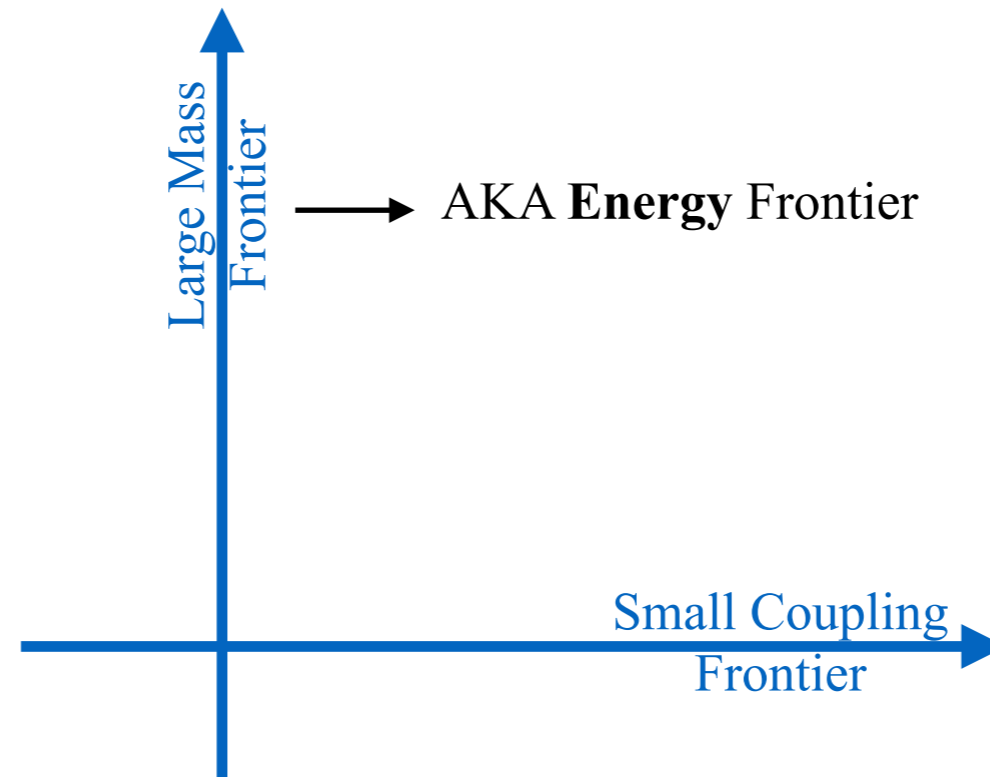
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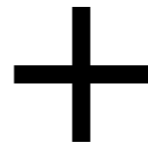
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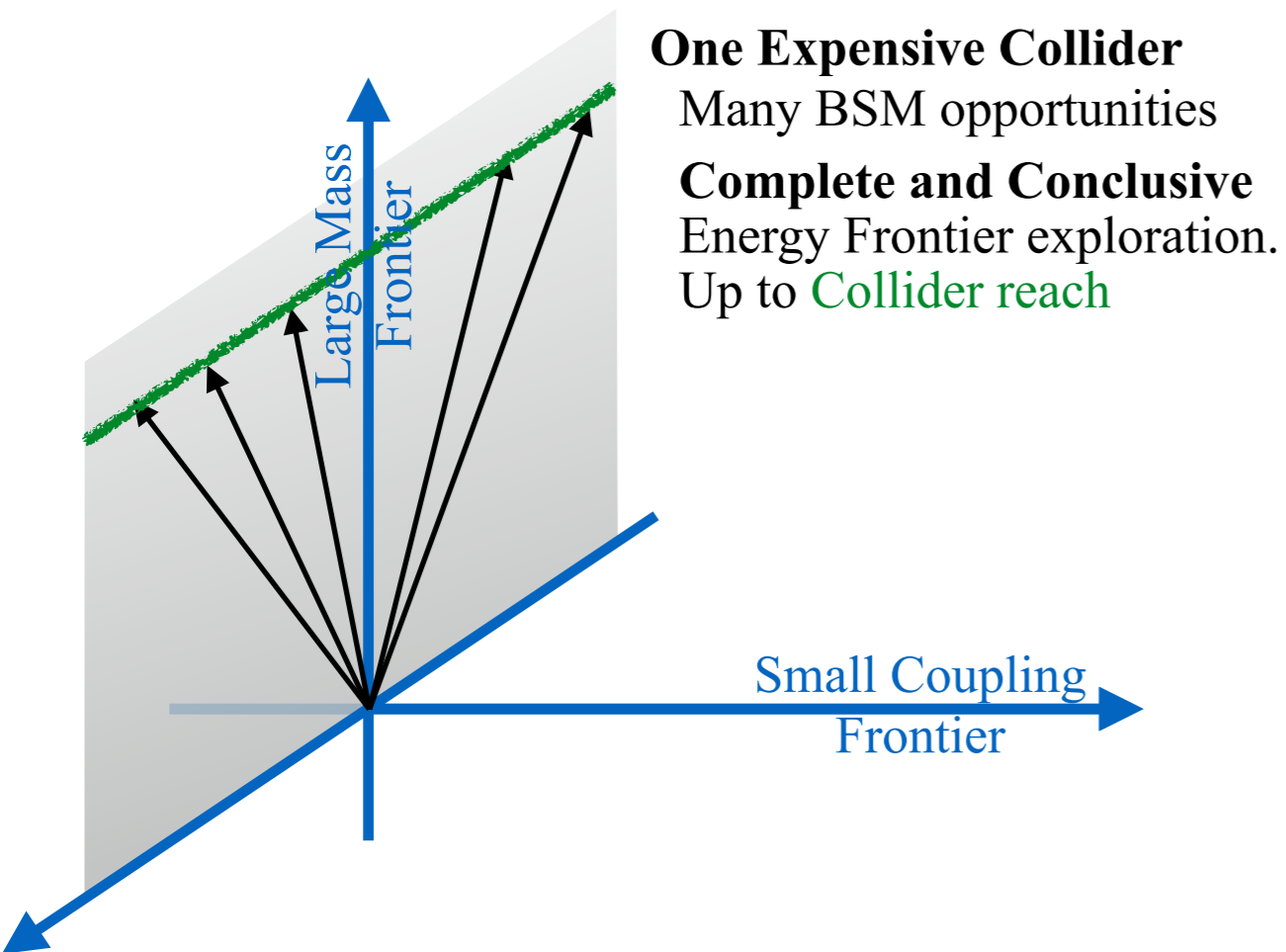
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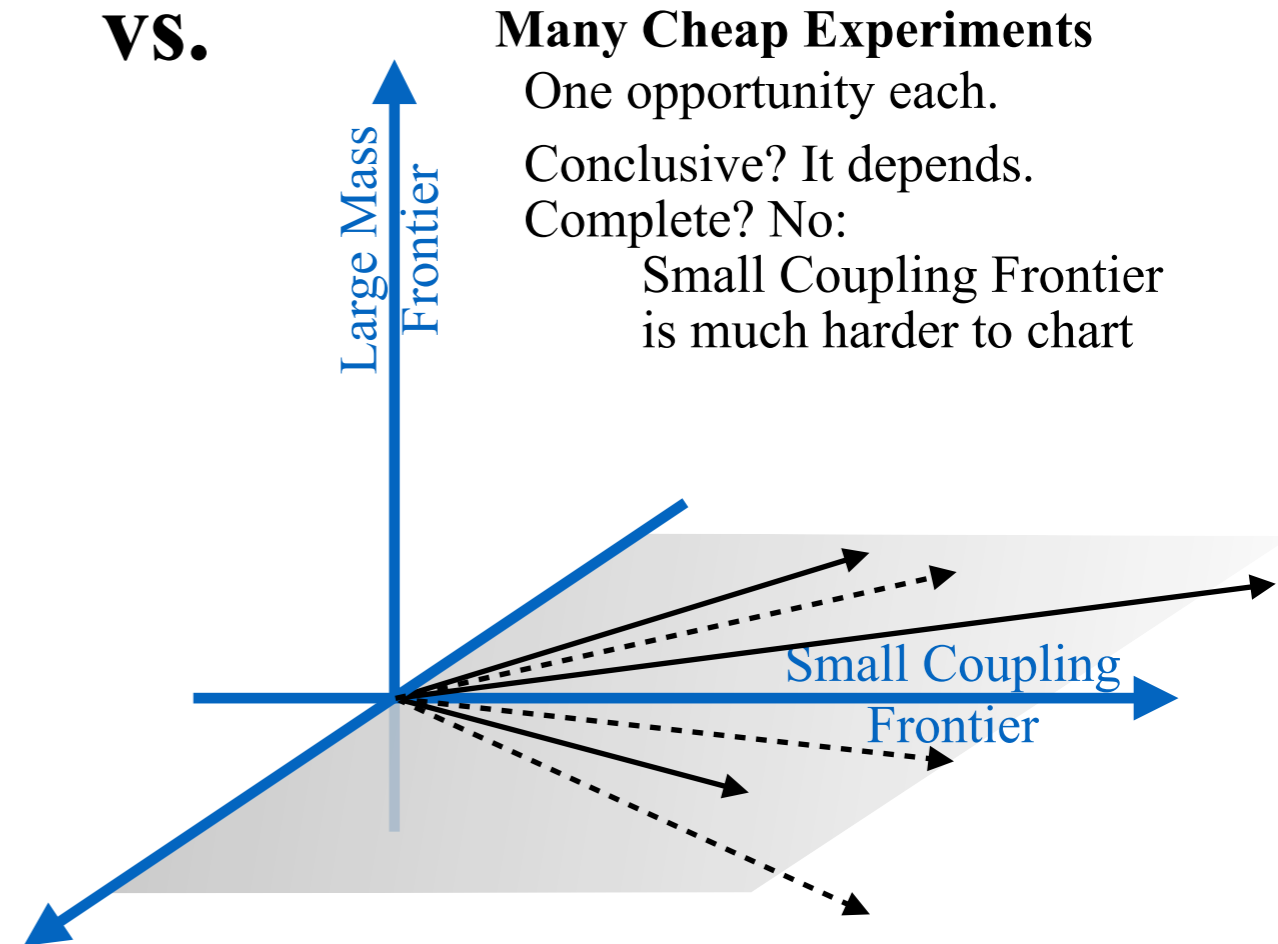
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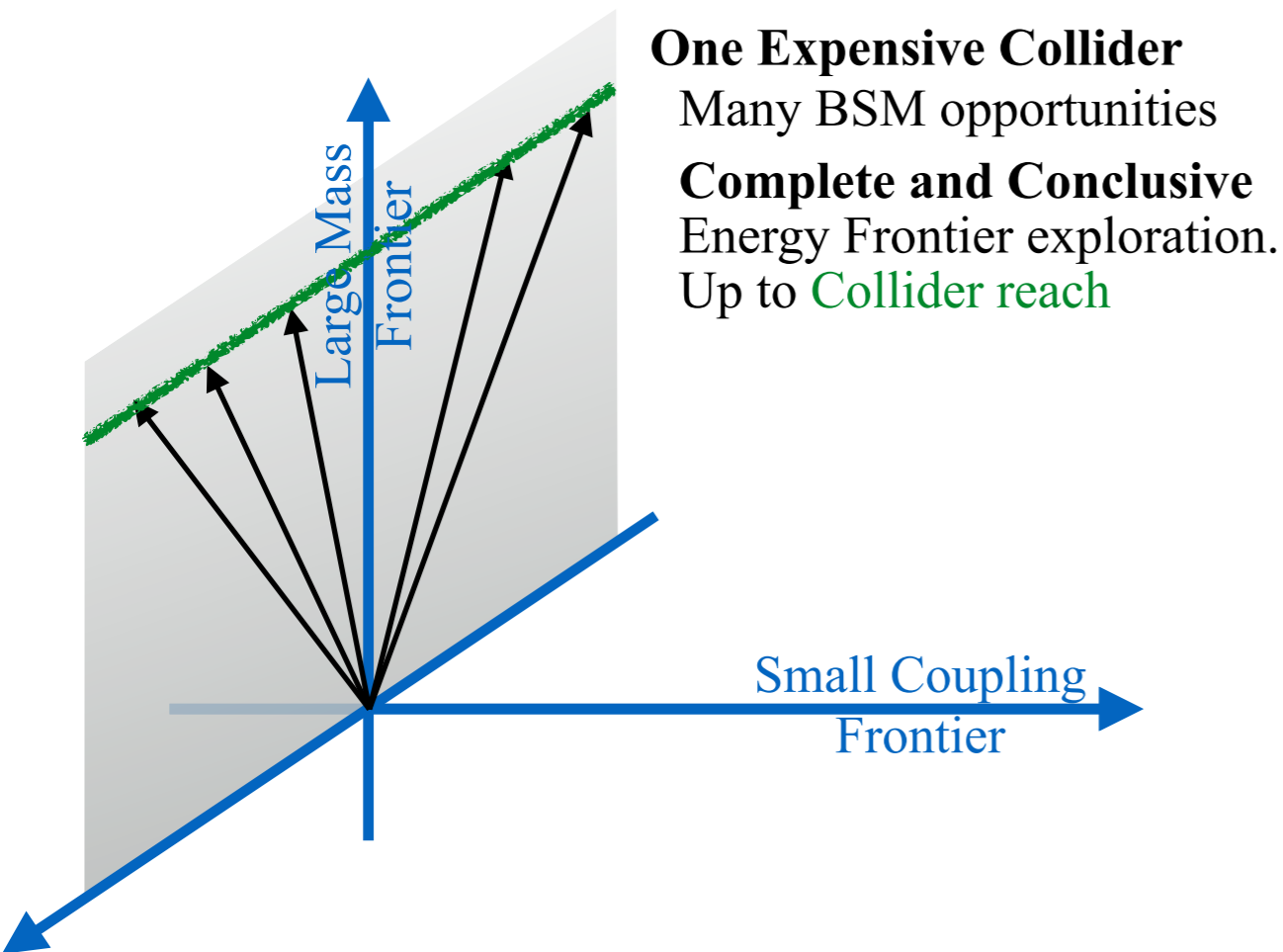


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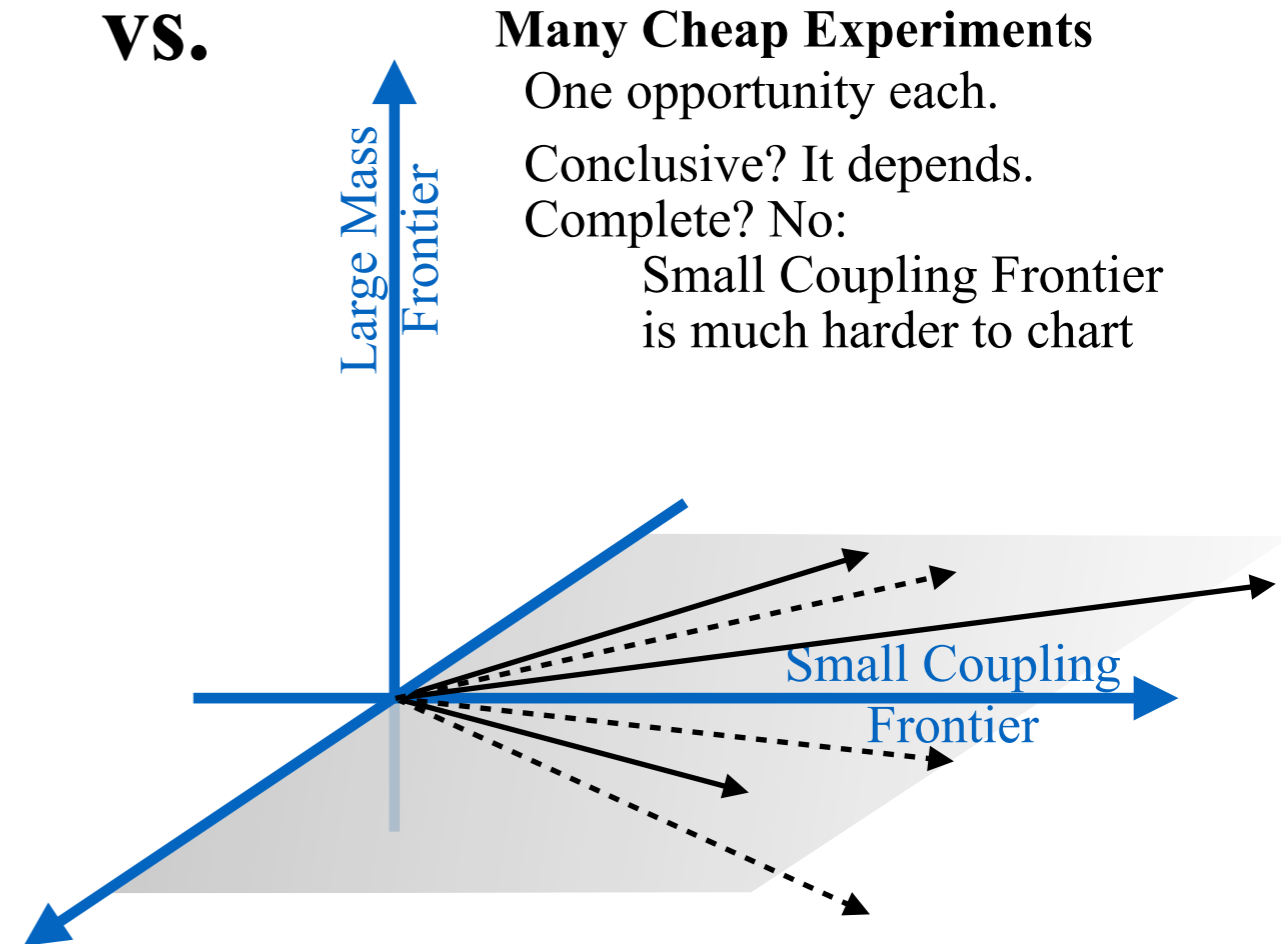
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Still, no doubt that next big project, to have a chance, must be ambitious enough to make **great jump ahead** in exploration of **multiple directions**
[even better if constructed with **revolutionary technology**]

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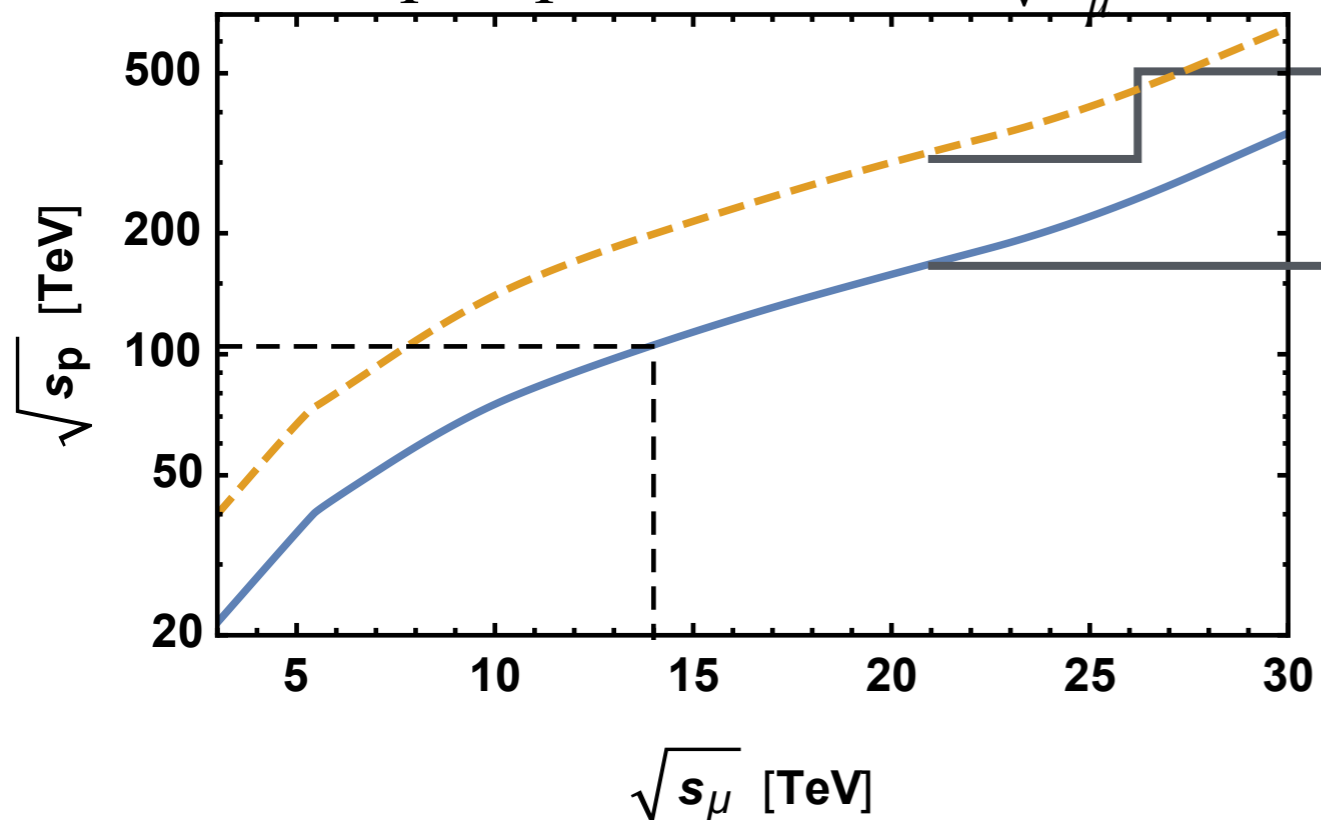
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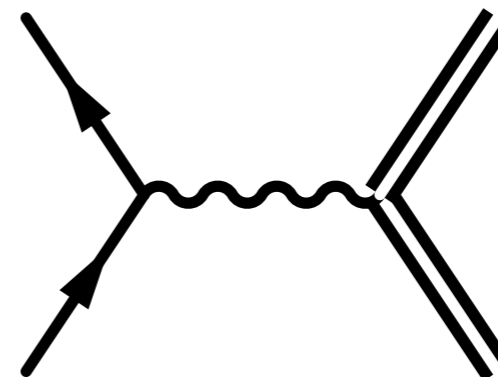
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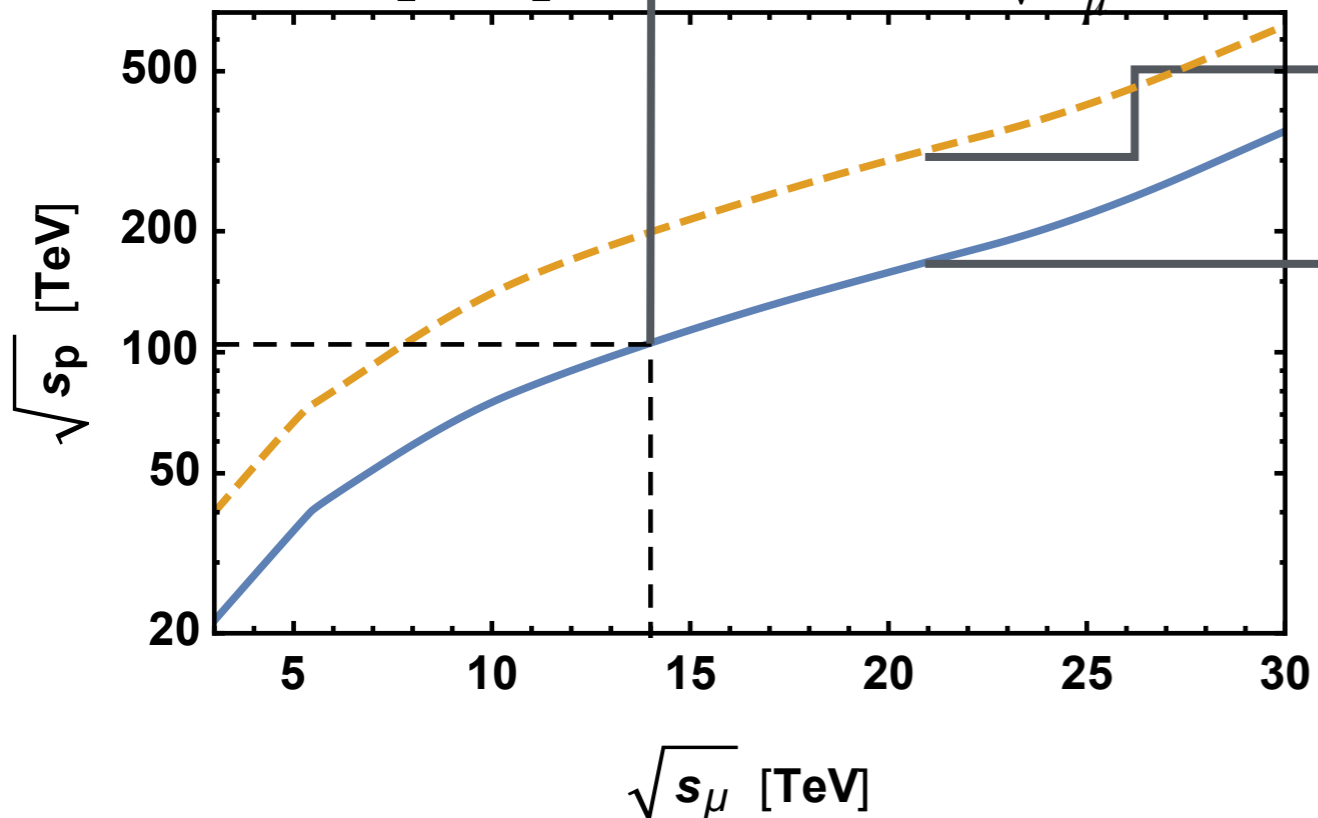
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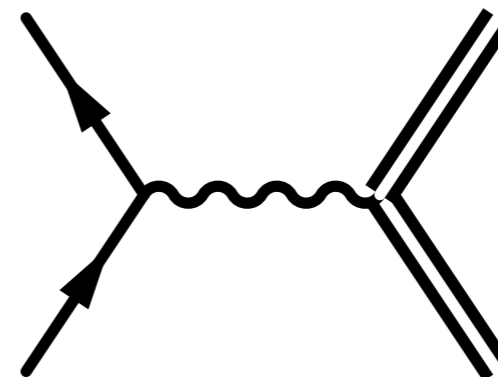


For reference:

14 TeV μ -collider \sim FCC@100 TeV

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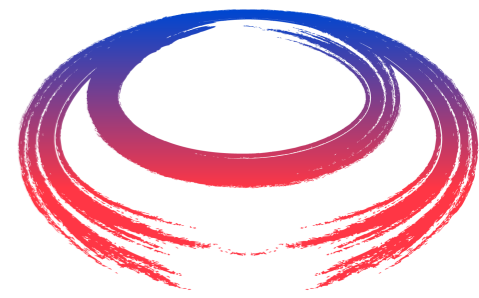
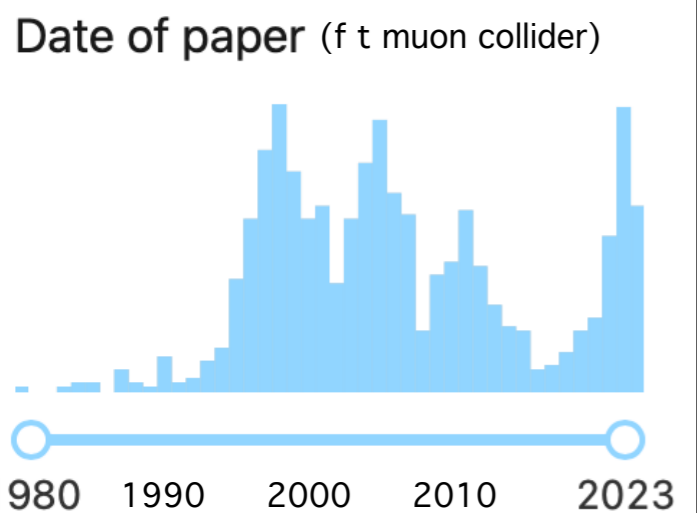
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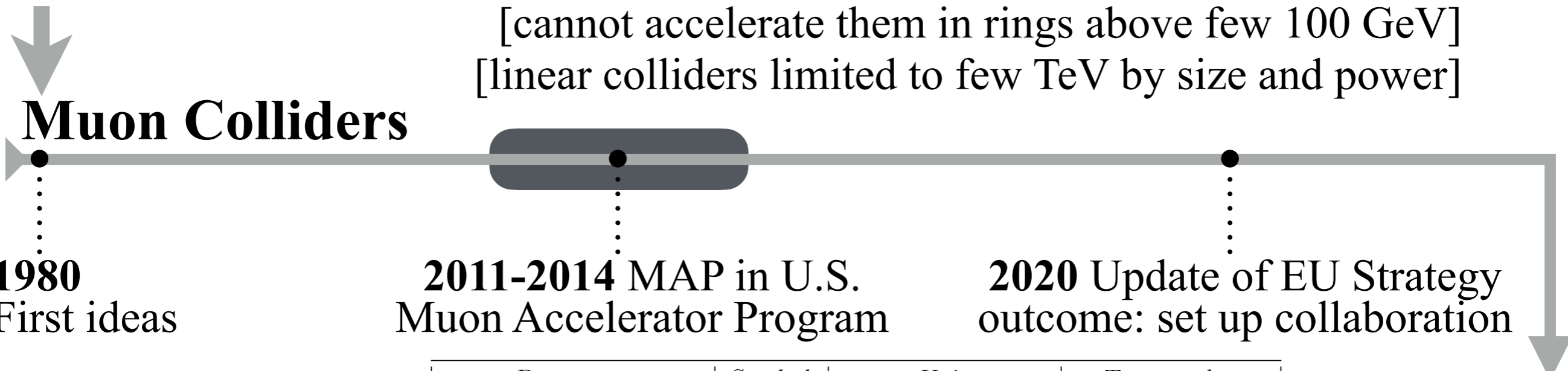
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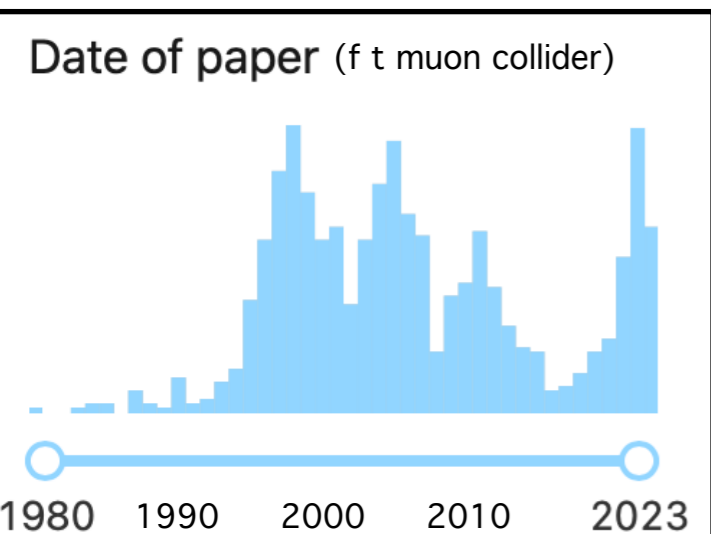
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First ideas

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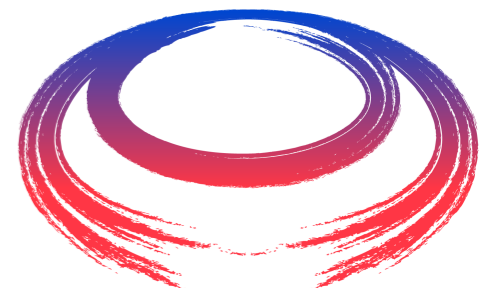
2020 Update of EU Strategy
outcome: set up collaboration



Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Target value		
Centre-of-mass energy	E_{cm}	TeV	3	10	14
Luminosity	\mathcal{L}	$1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	1.8	20	40
Collider circumference	C_{coll}	km	4.5	10	14

5 yrs run, 1 IP: $\mathcal{L}_{int} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1} \left(\frac{E_{cm}}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2$

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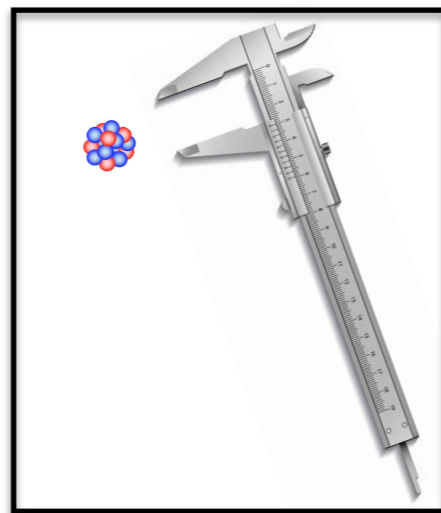
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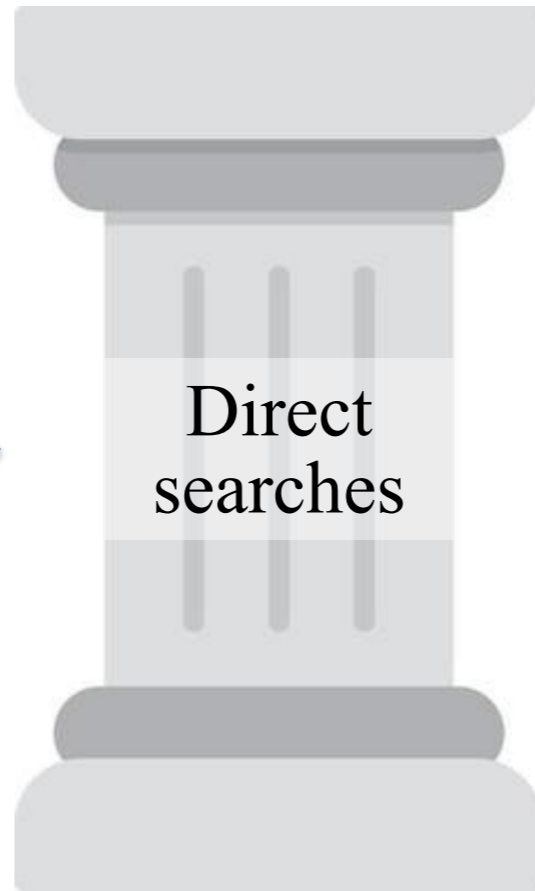
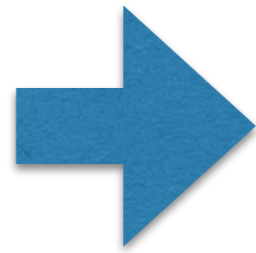


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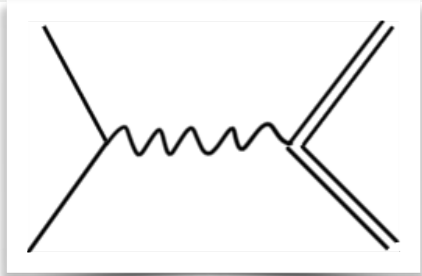
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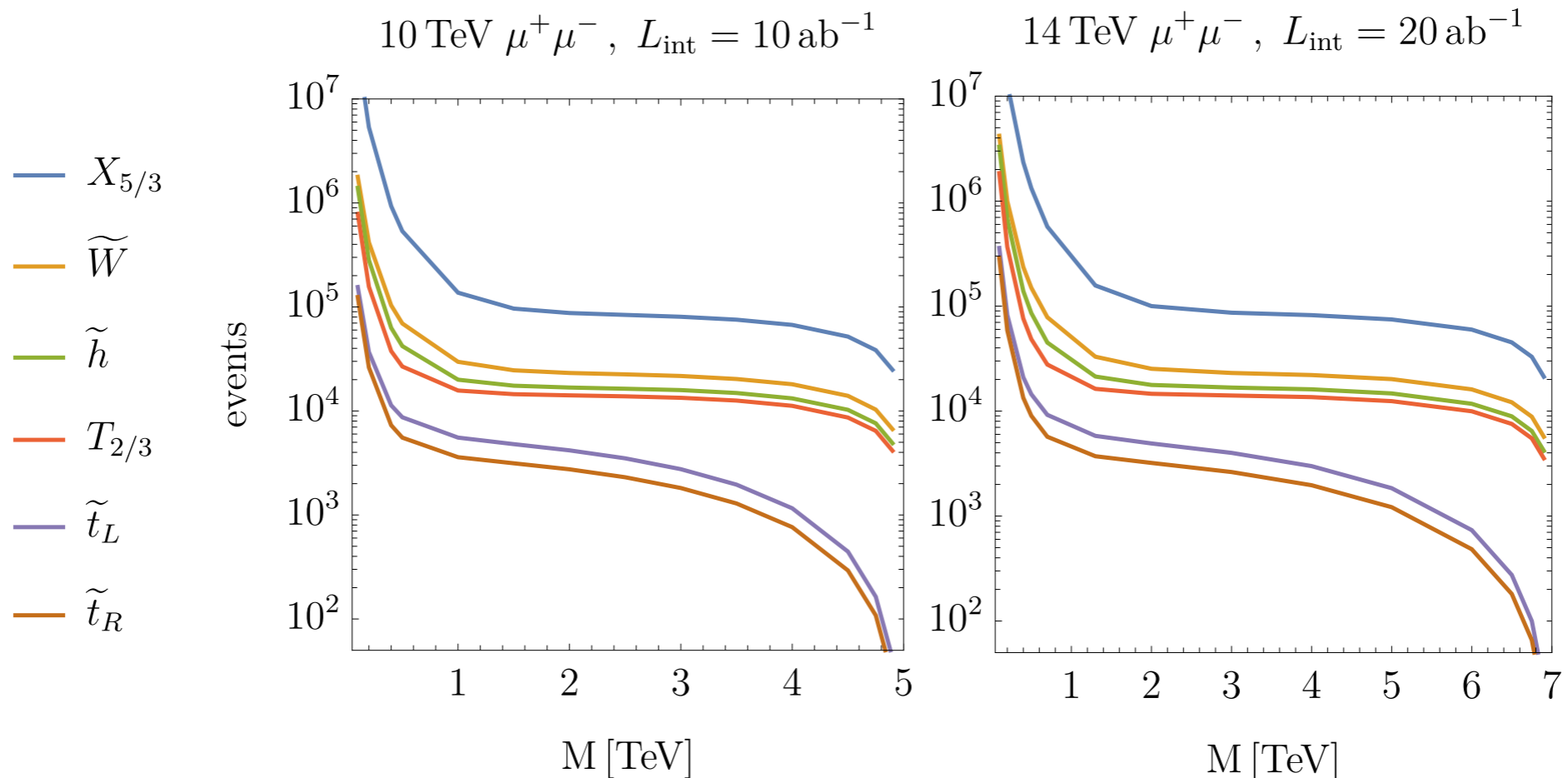
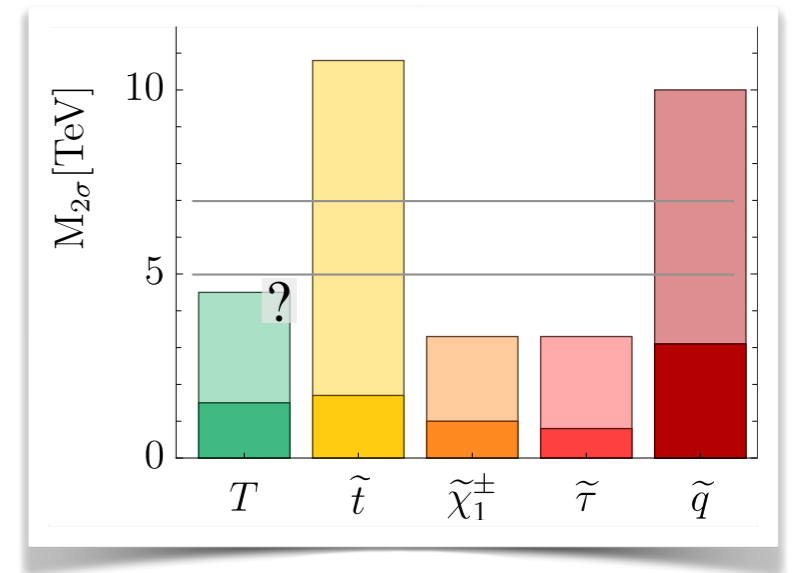


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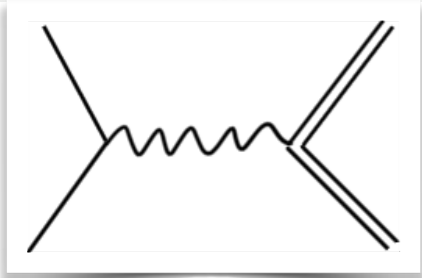


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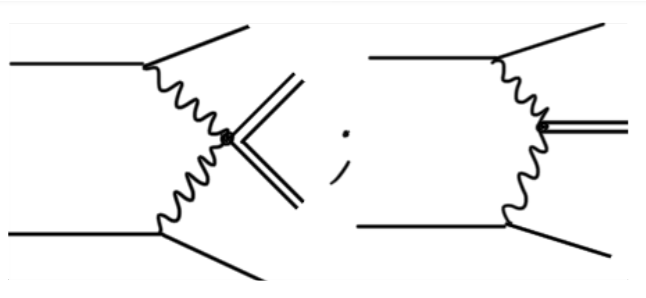
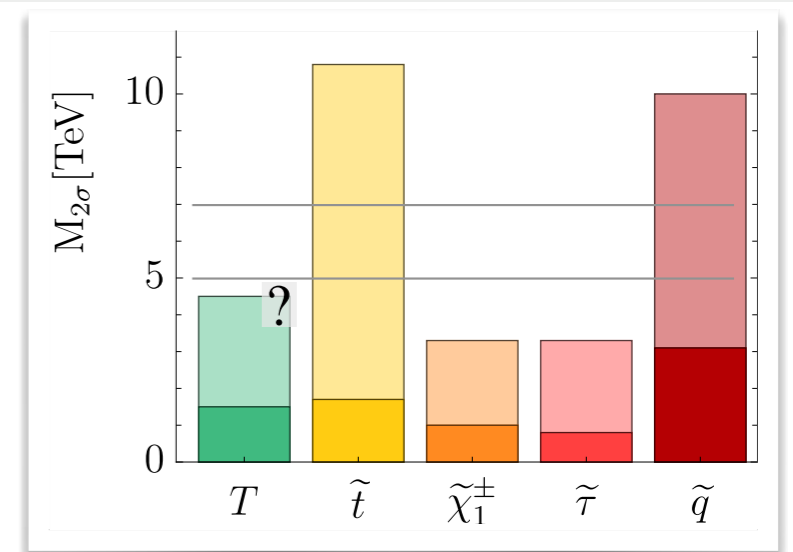


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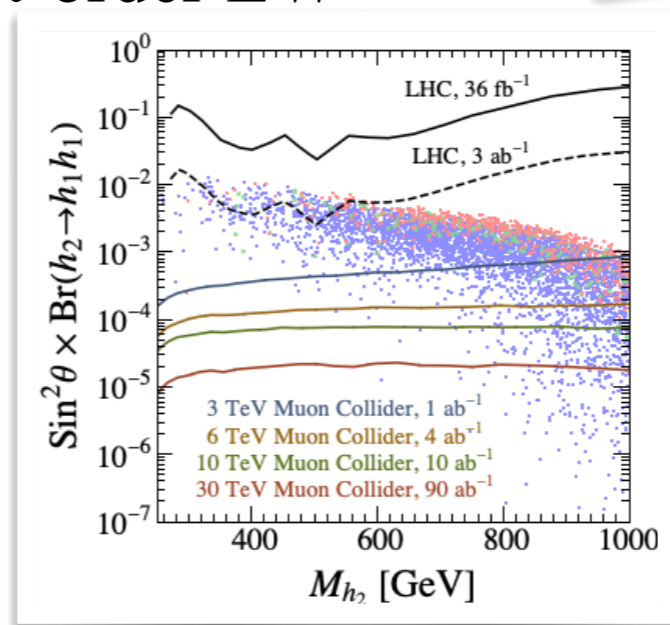
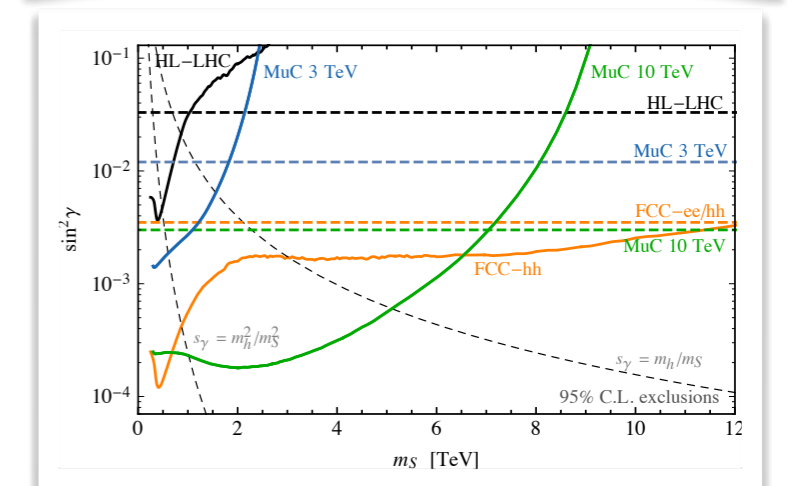
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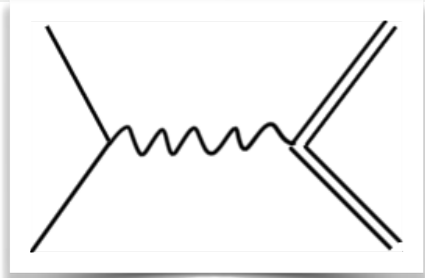
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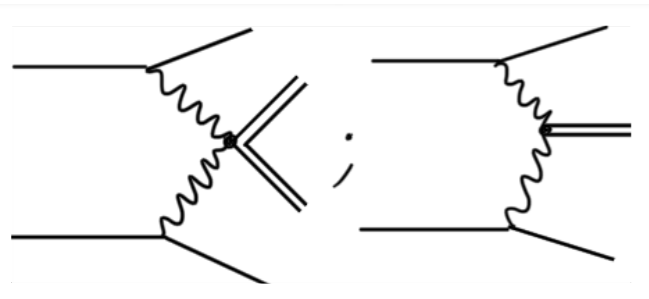
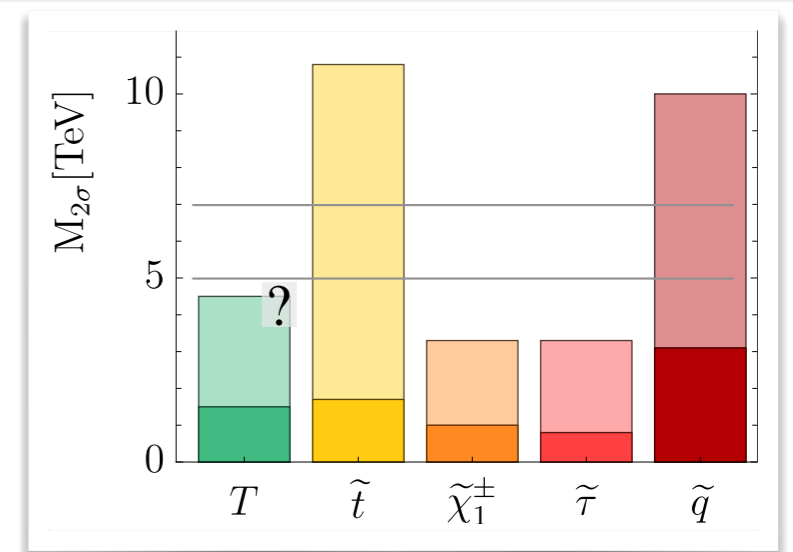


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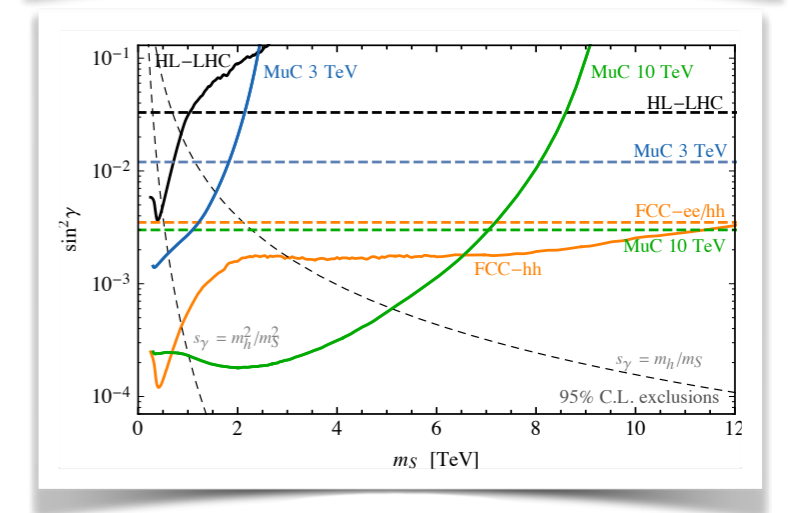
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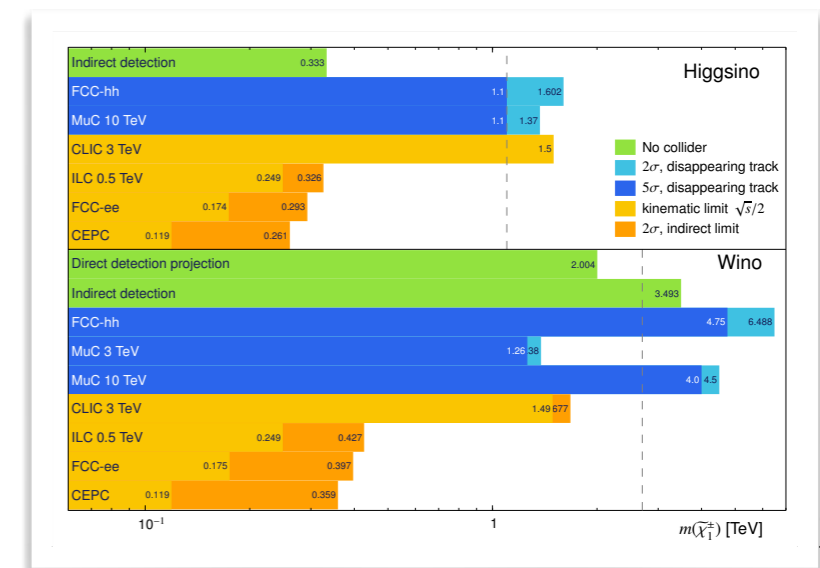
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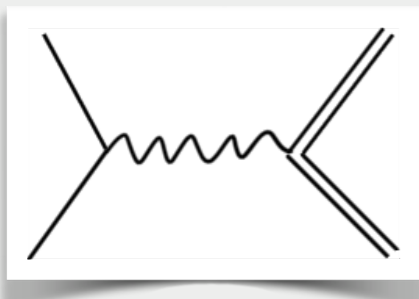
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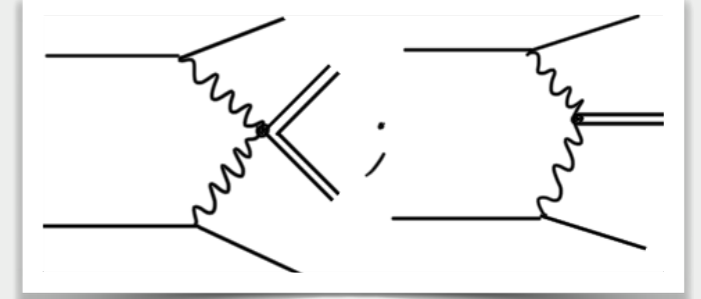
WIMP or WIMP-like DM search program:

- Disappearing tracks
- Mono-X and indirect searches
- Higgs-portal DM in VBF
- **Thermal Wino and Higgsino discovery**





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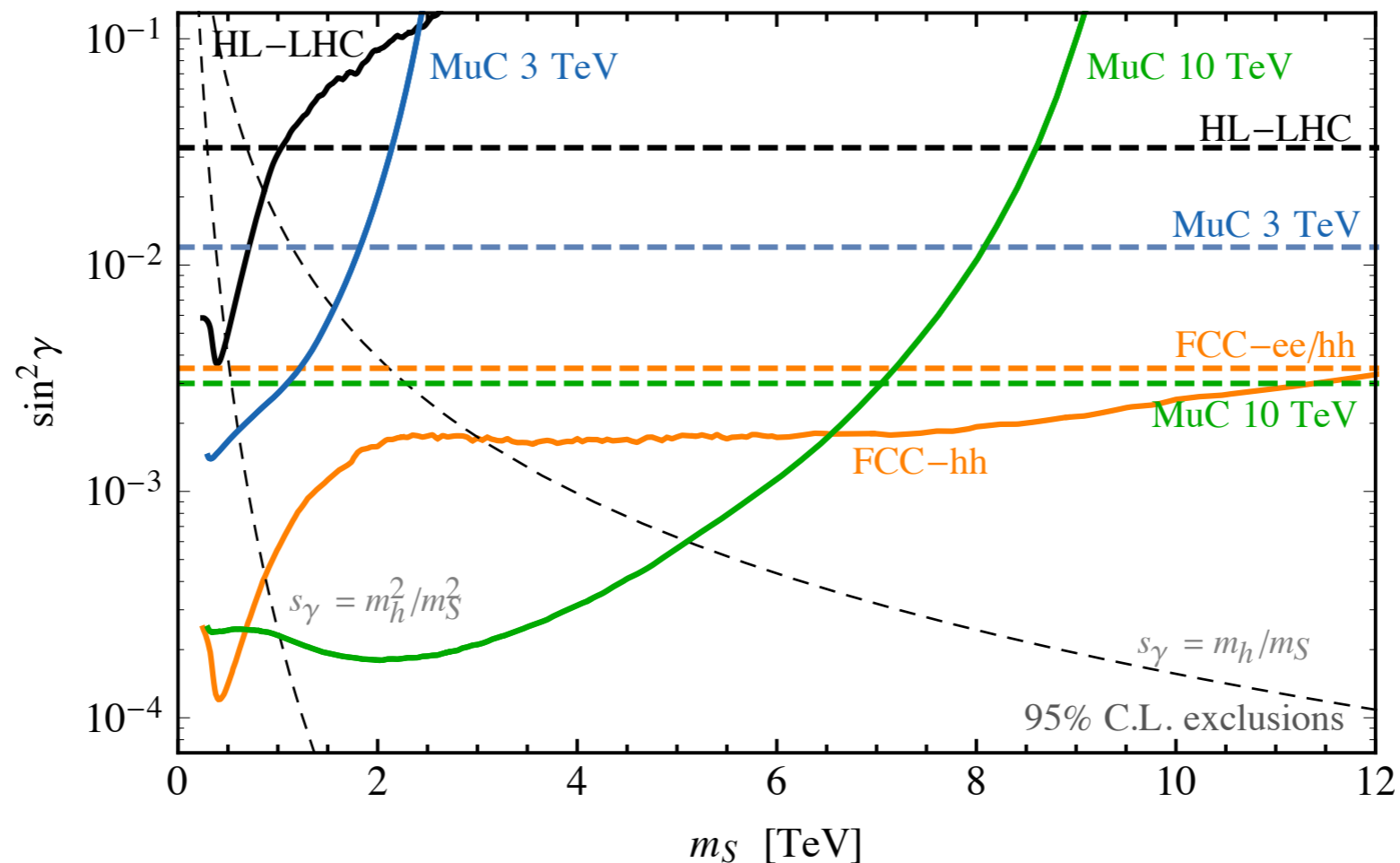


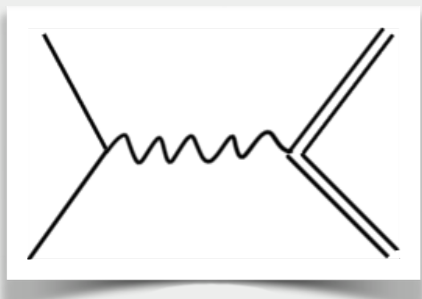
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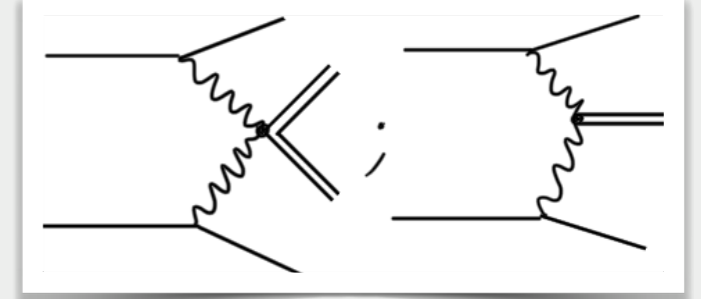
Detailed study will enable:

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- Study muon collider discovery and characterisation perspectives
- Sound comparison with FCC: not signature- but model-based





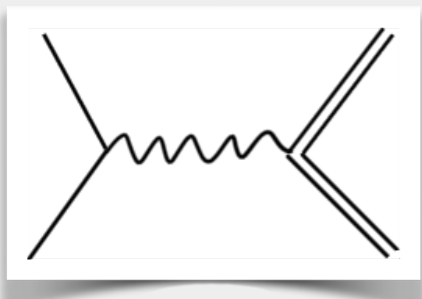
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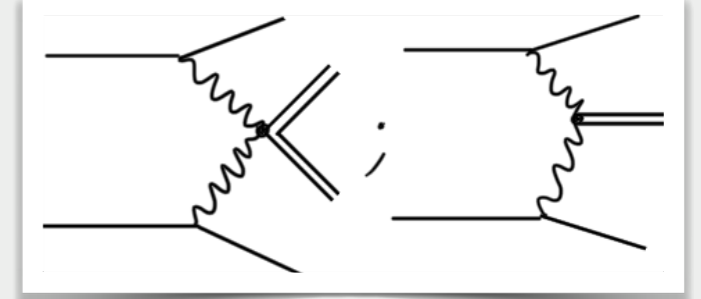
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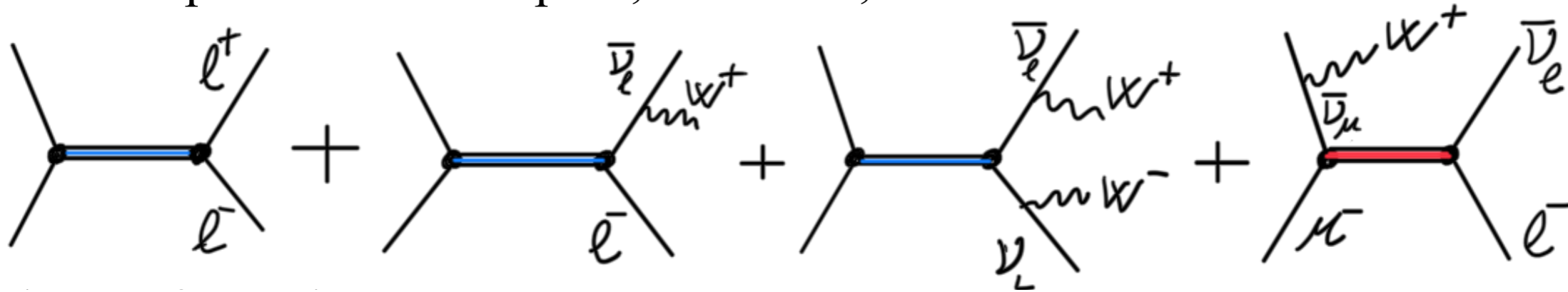


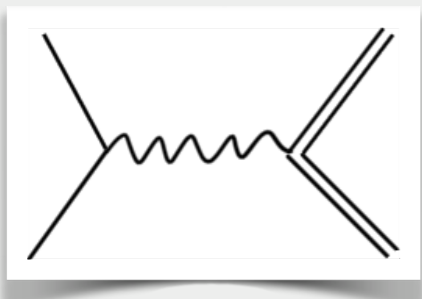
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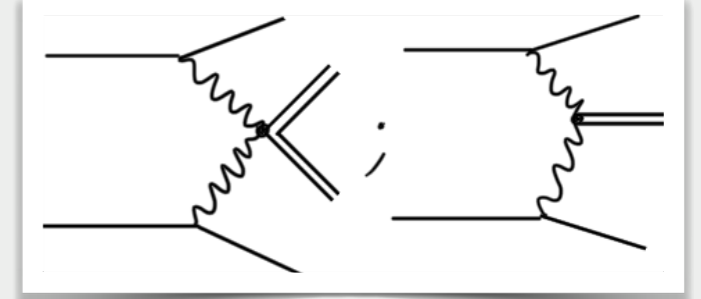
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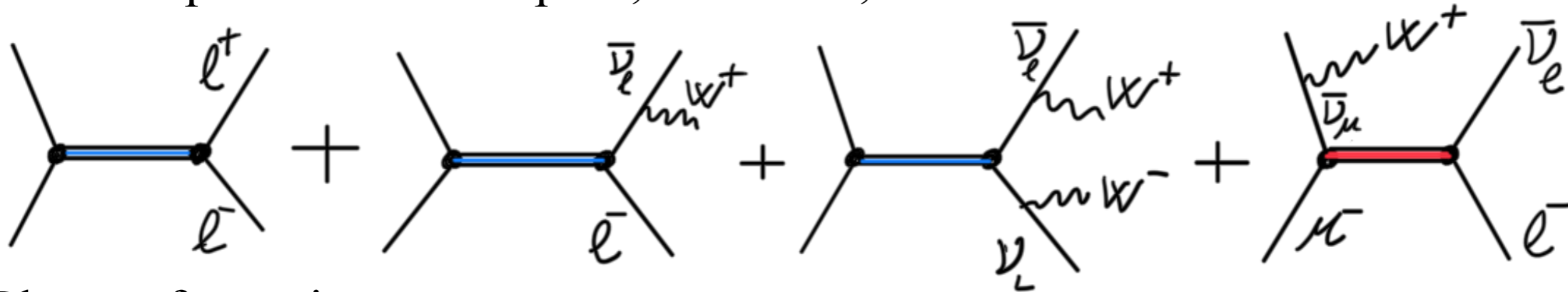


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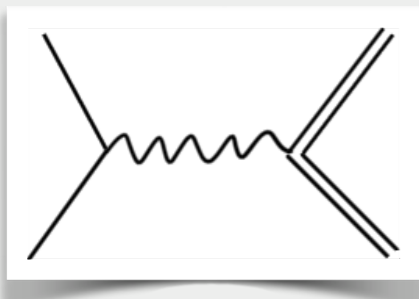


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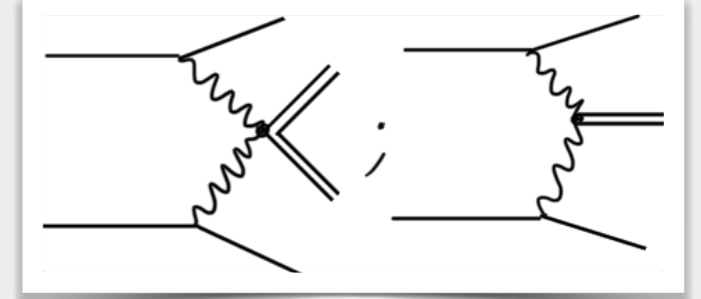
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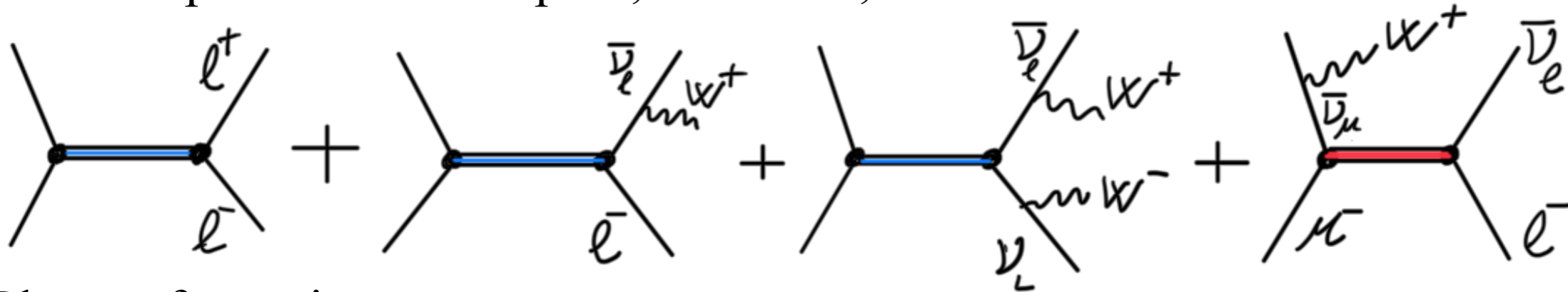


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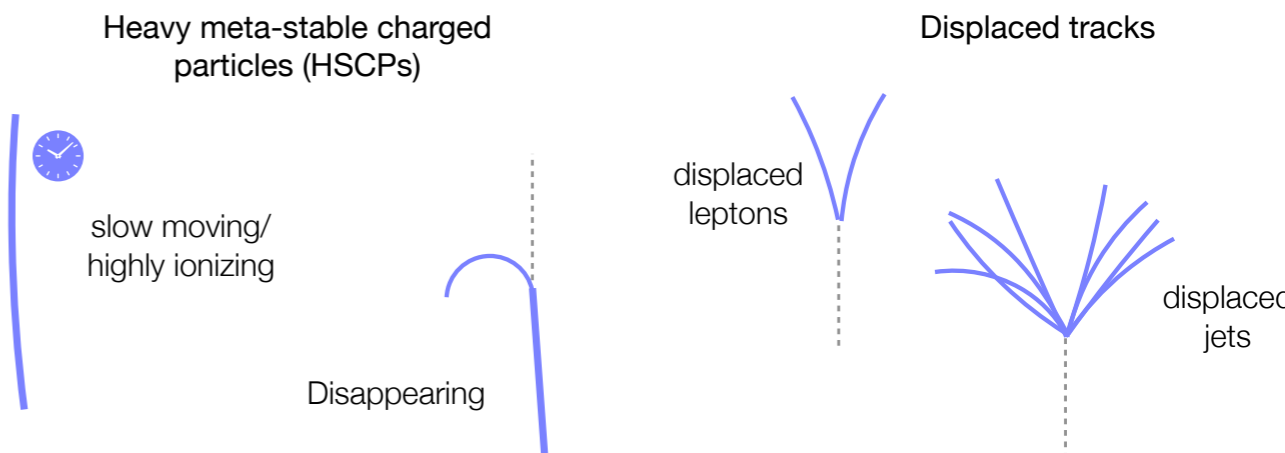
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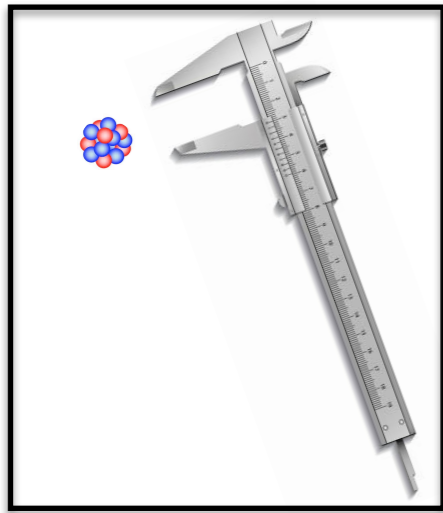
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- Long-lived particles study to inform MuC detector design.

New challenges from “BIB” (see later)



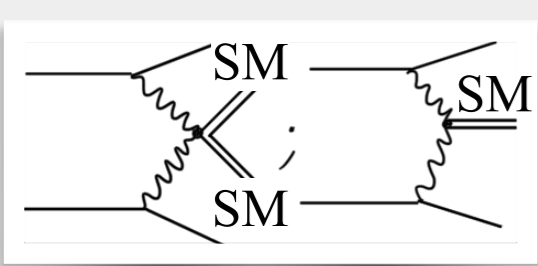
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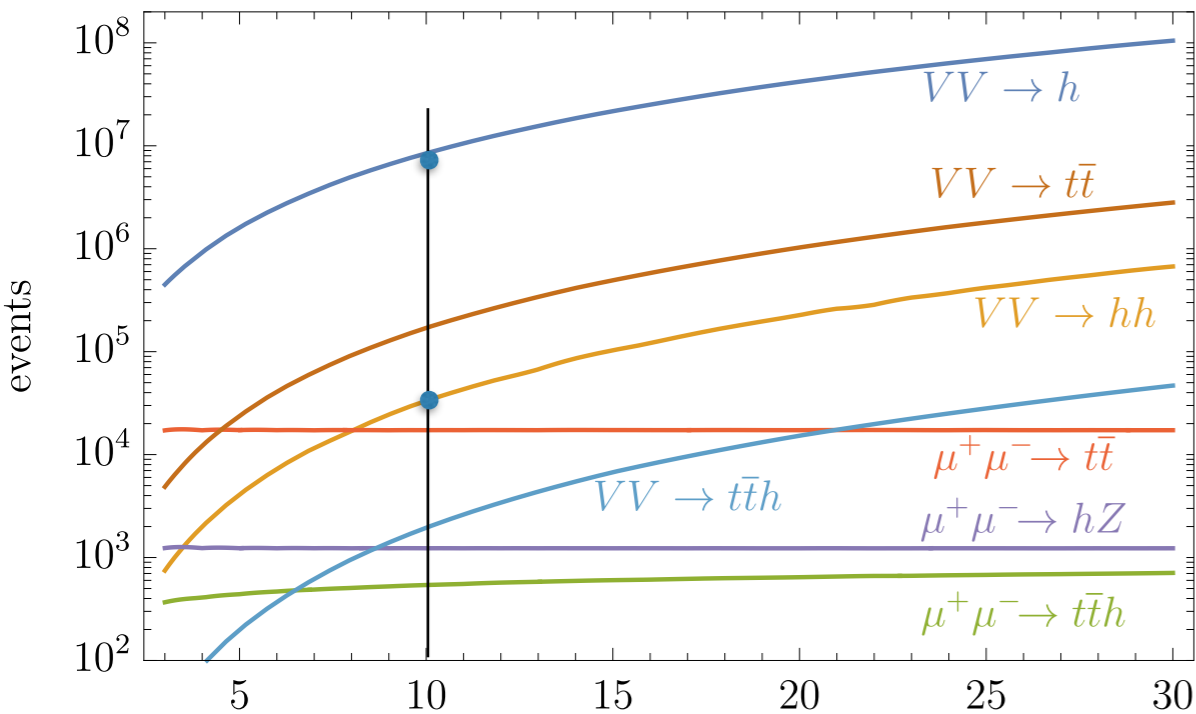
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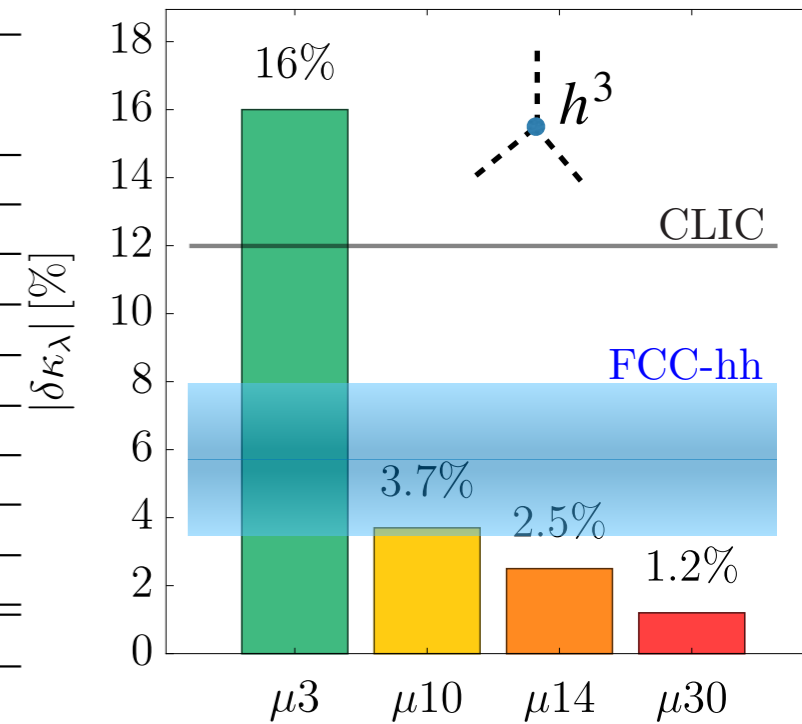


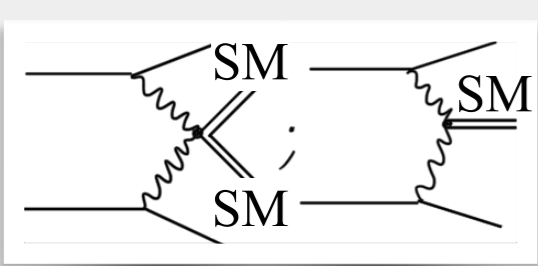
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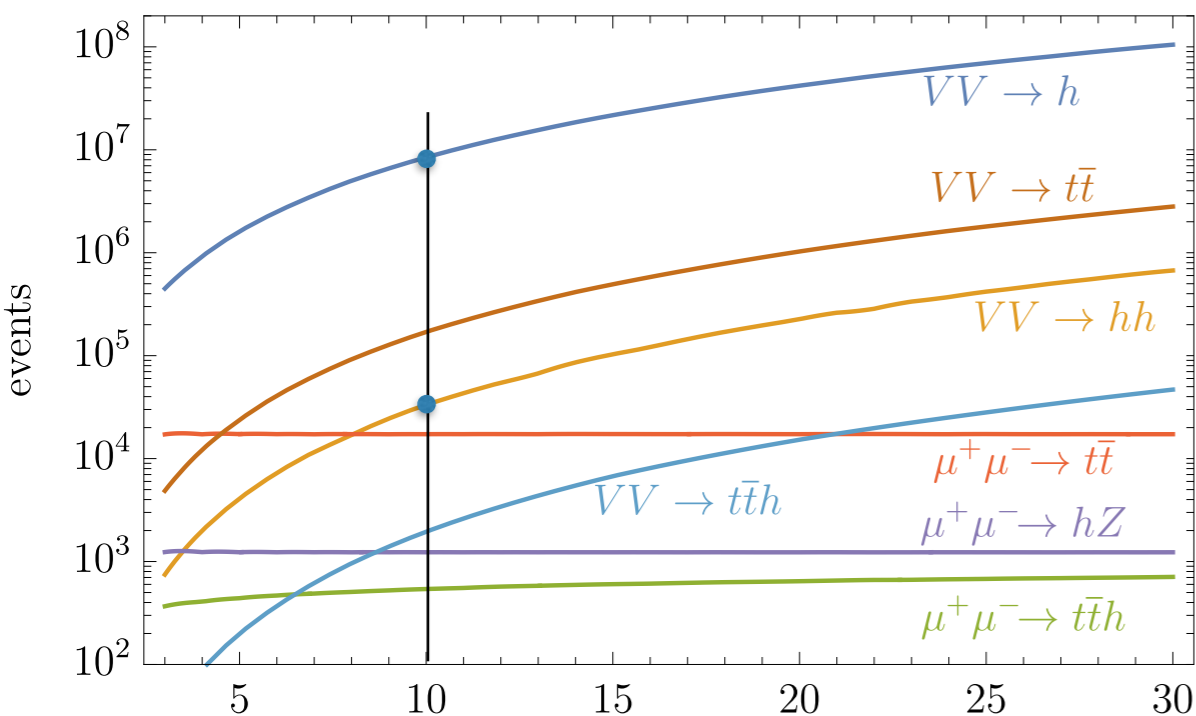
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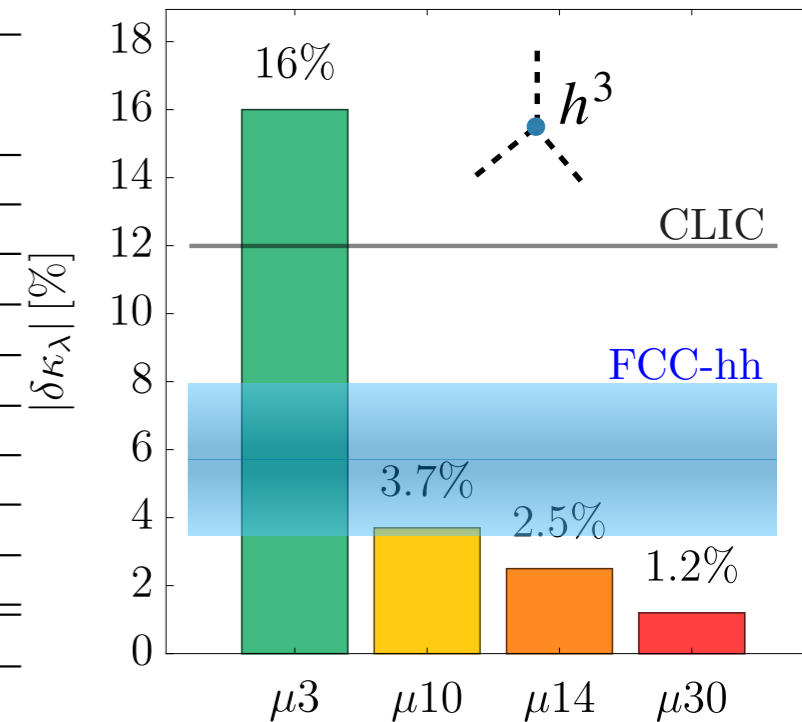


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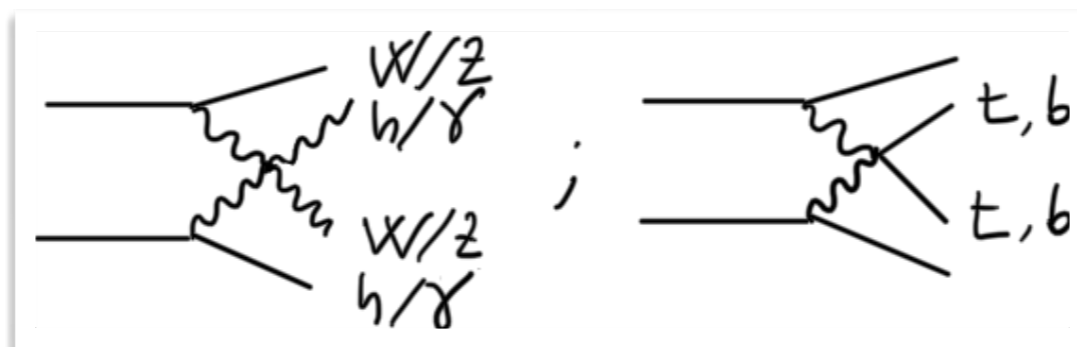
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Precision To-Do List:

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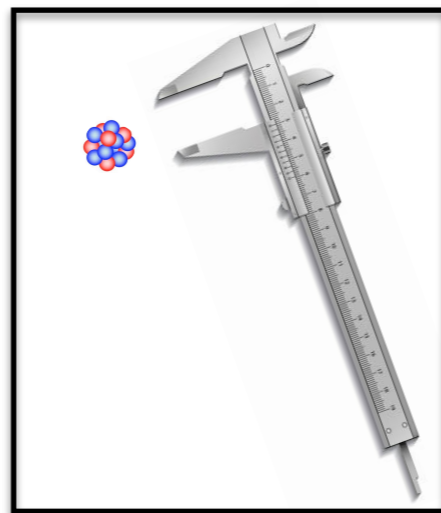
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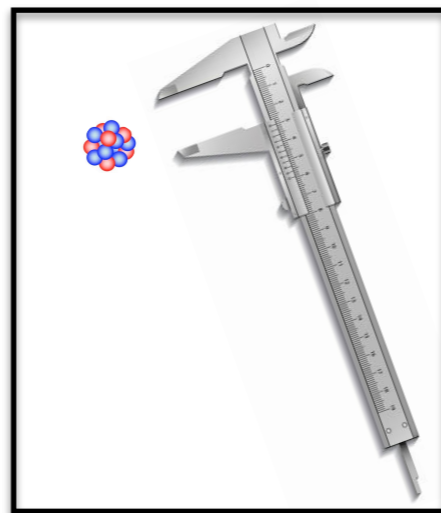
- High available energy for new heavy particles production
- High available statistics for precise measurements (and no QCD bck)

Furthermore:

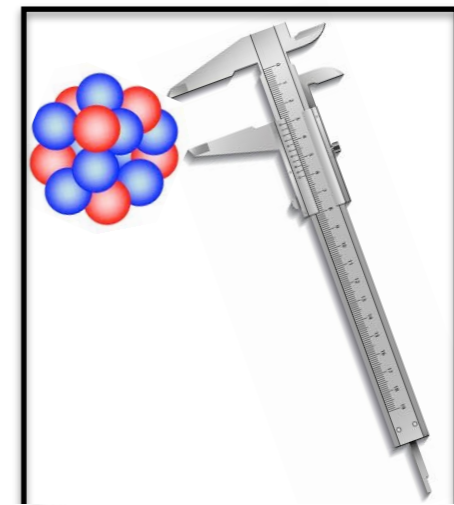
- Can measure processes of very high energy



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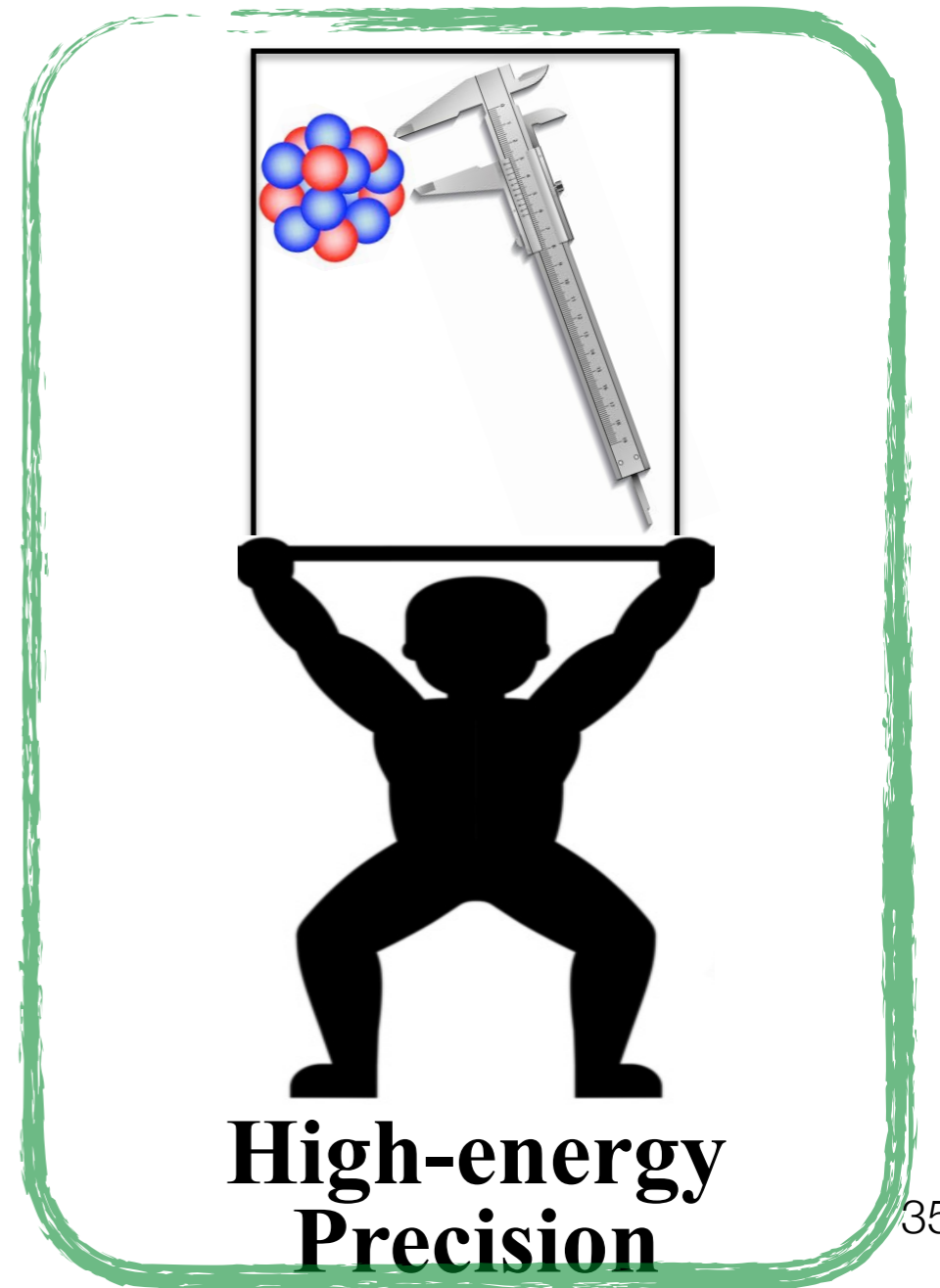
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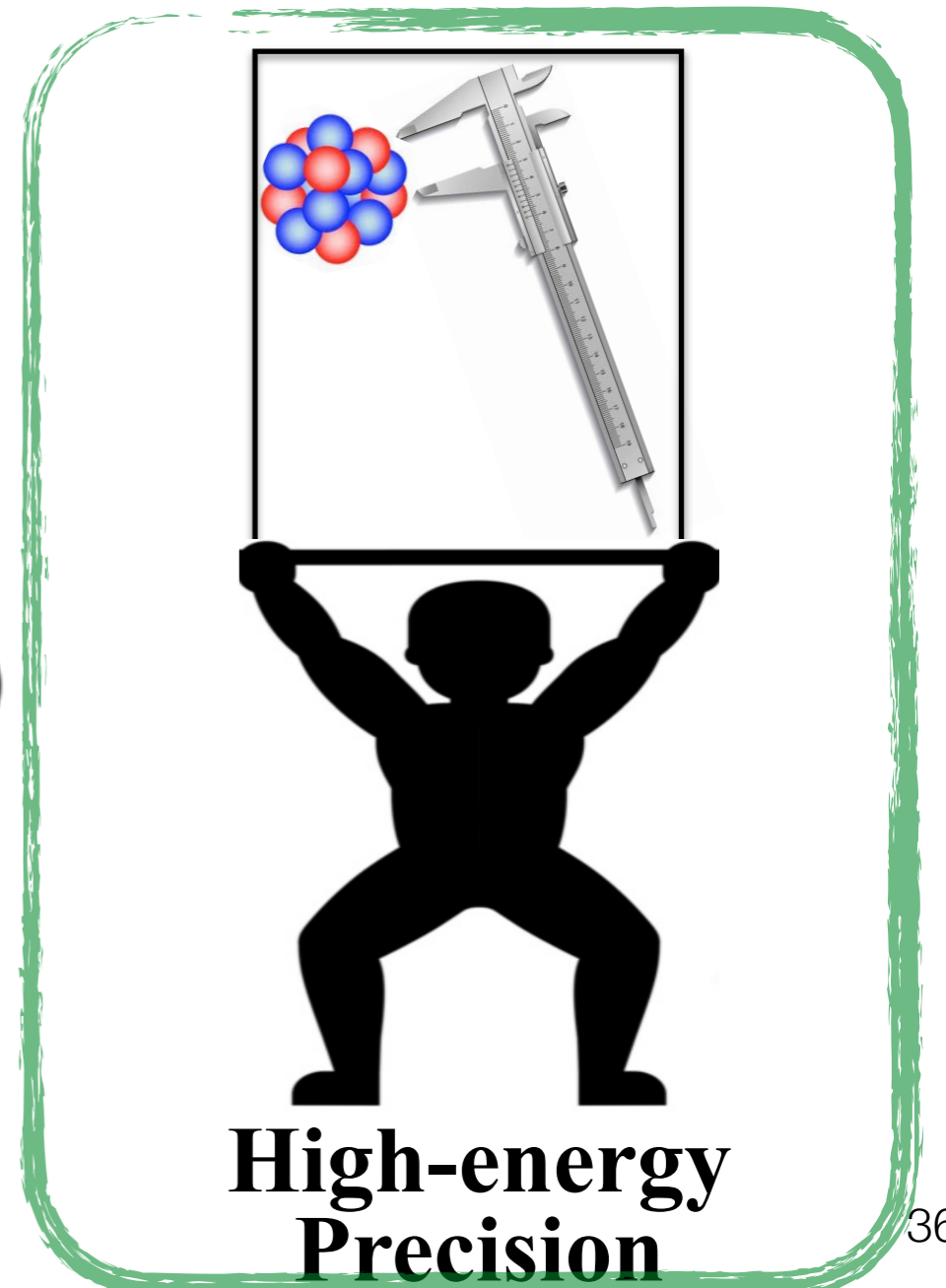
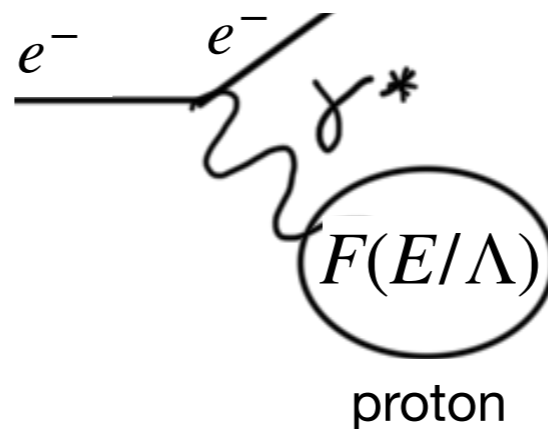
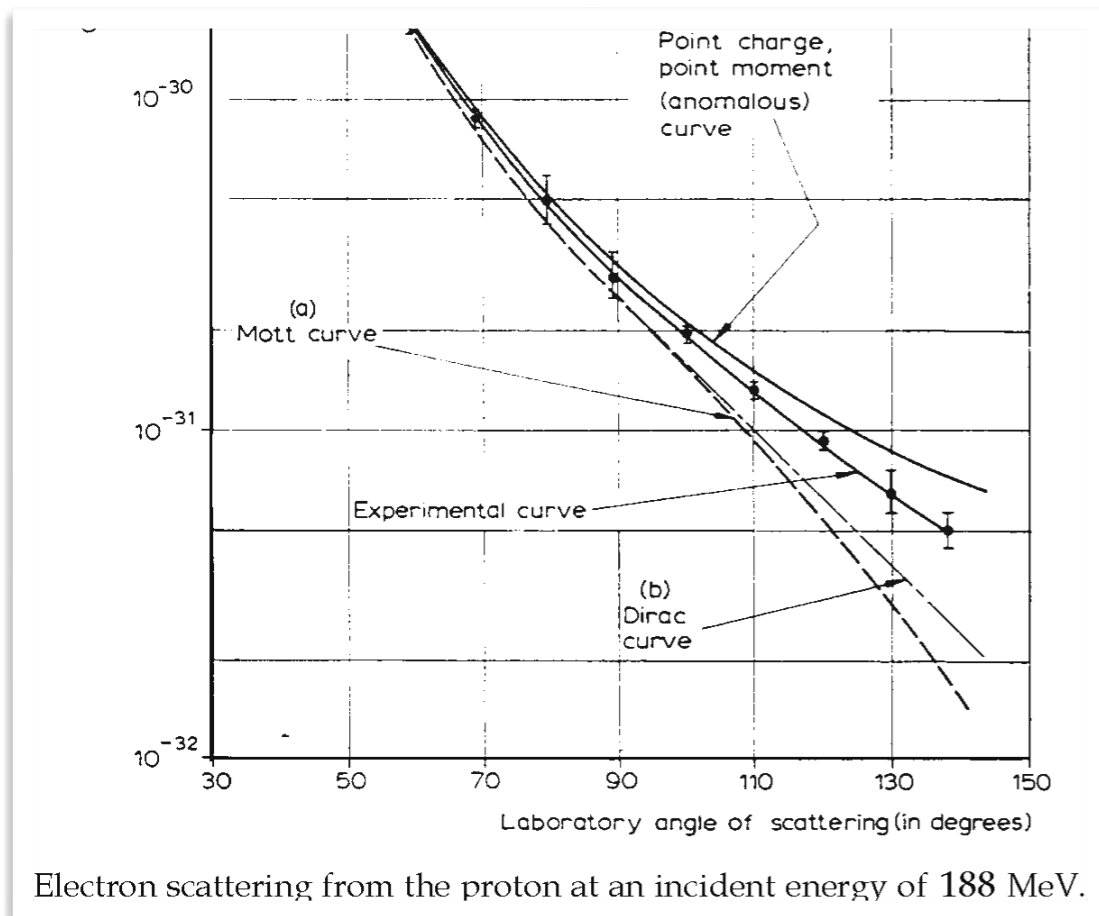
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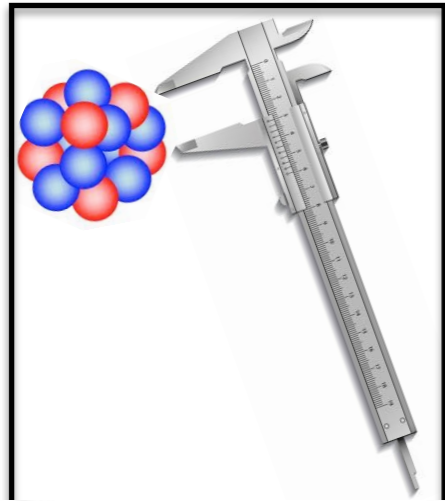
Order 10% departure from point-like prediction.

Visible form-factor effects required **large energy**

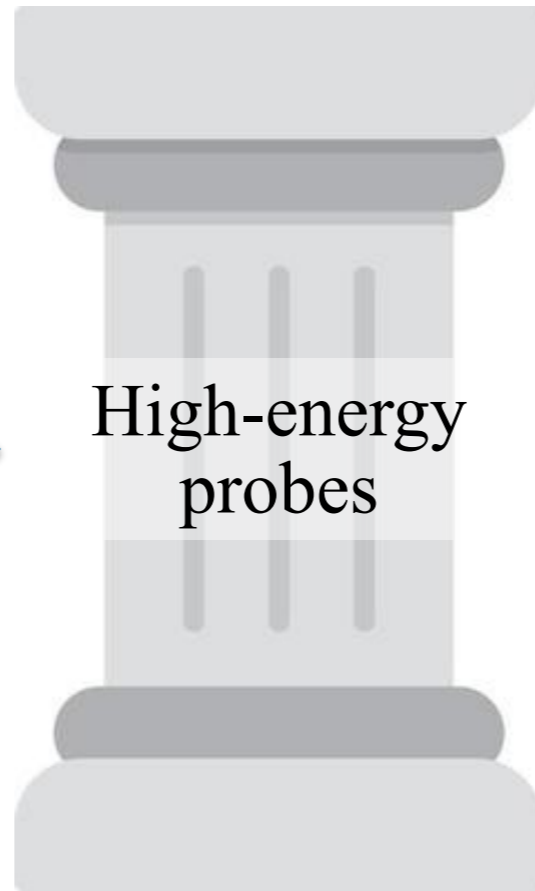
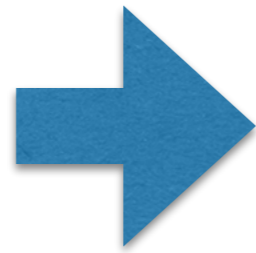
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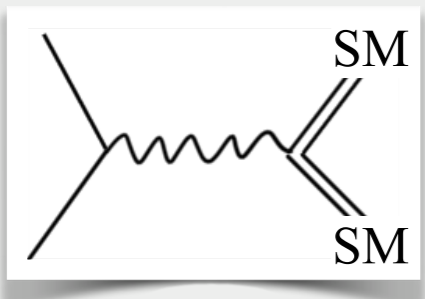
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As simple as this:

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma(E)}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}(E)} \propto \frac{E^2}{\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}^2}$$

[say, $\Lambda_{\text{BSM}} = 100 \text{ TeV}$]

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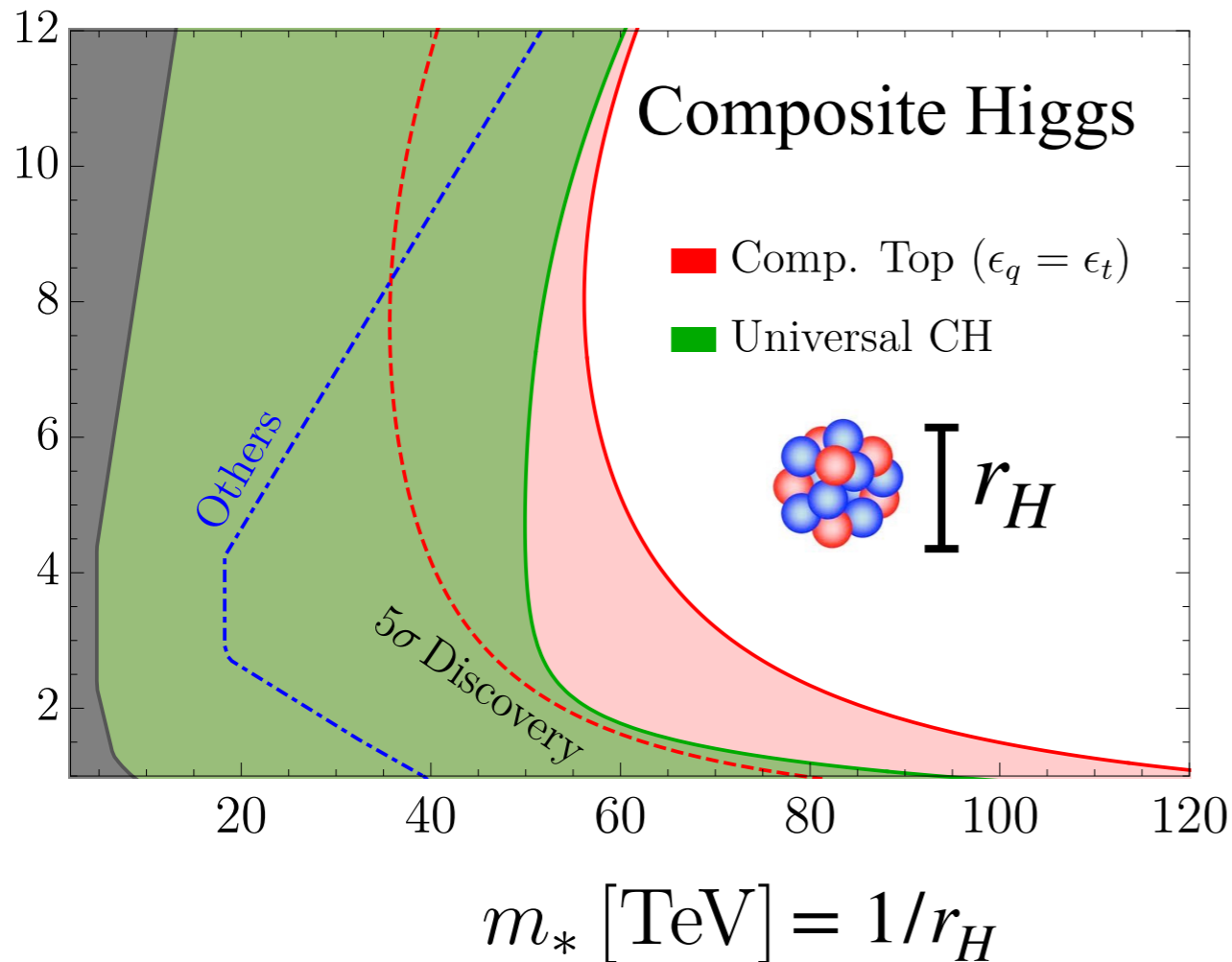
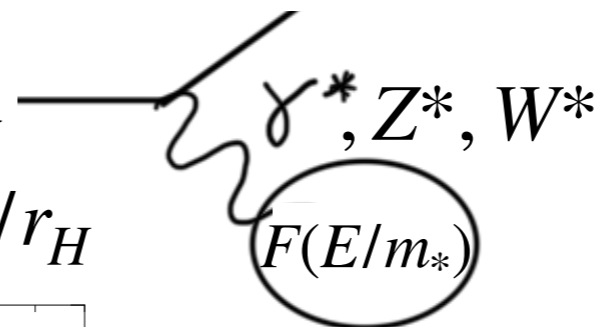
10^{-6} at EW [FCC-ee] energies

10^{-2} at muon collider energies

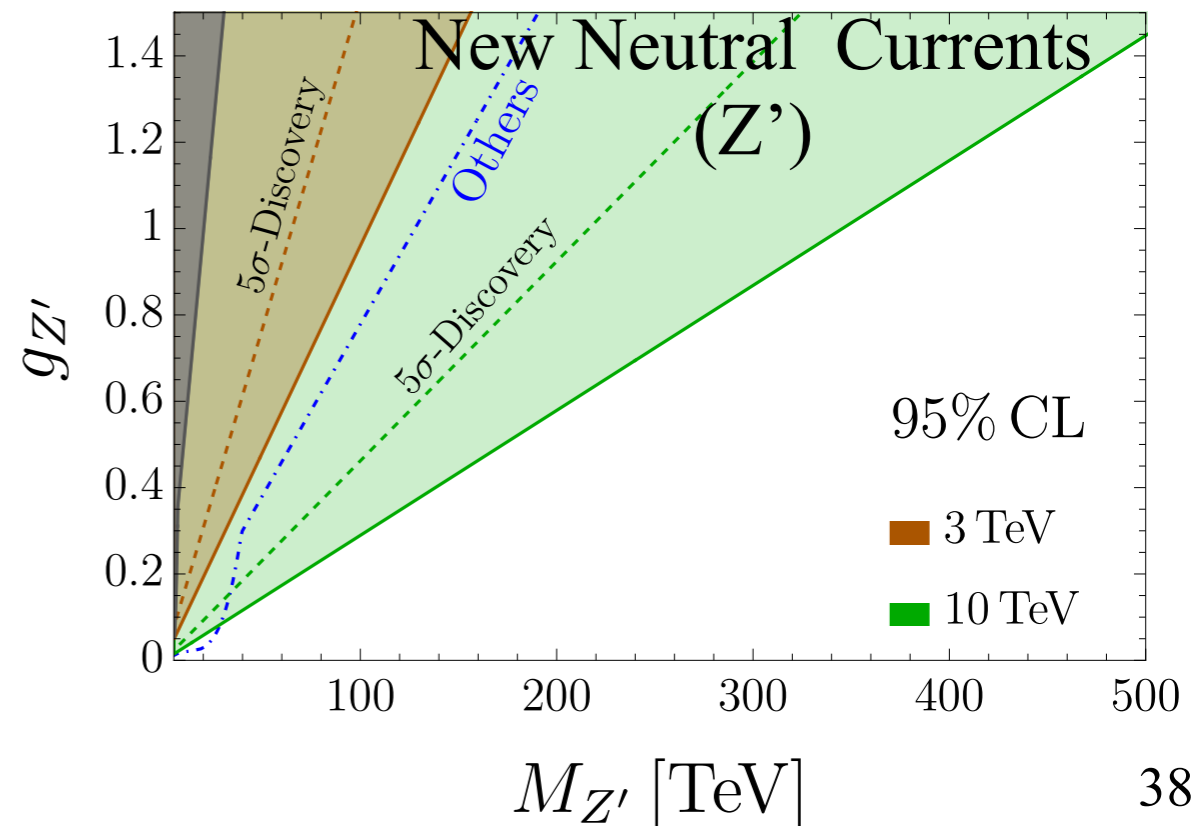
Or even simpler:

Same as proton, with larger energy

$$E \nearrow m_* \sim 1/r_H$$



Higgs





The SM Physics Case

The muon collider will **probe a new regime of EW force:**

$$E \gg m_W$$

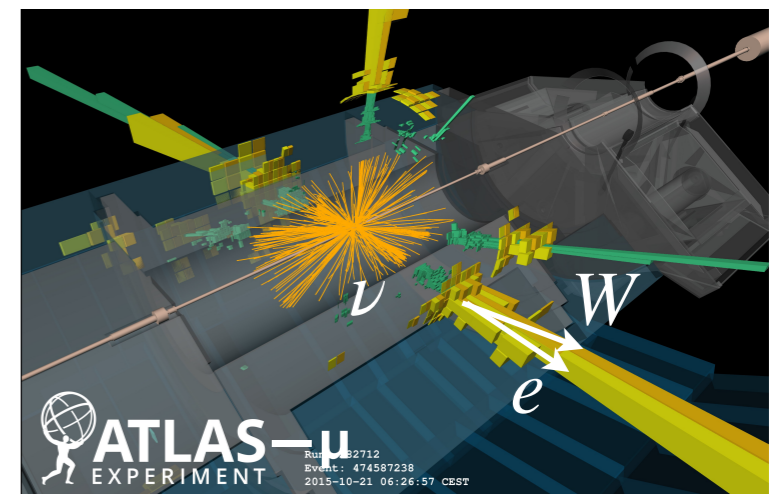
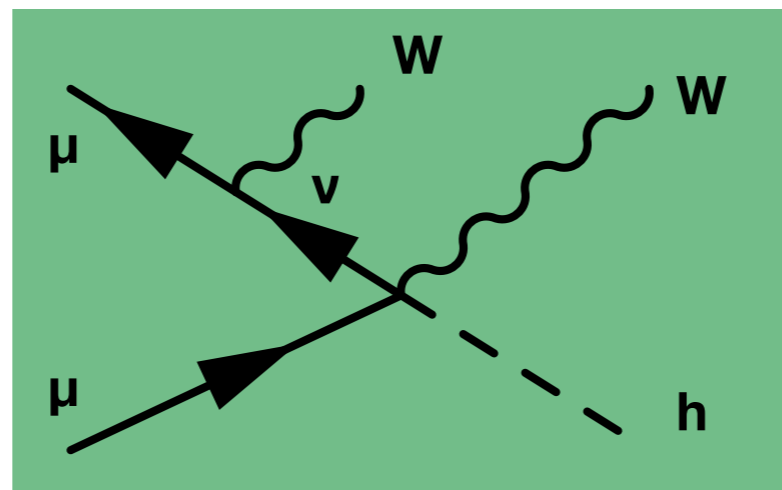
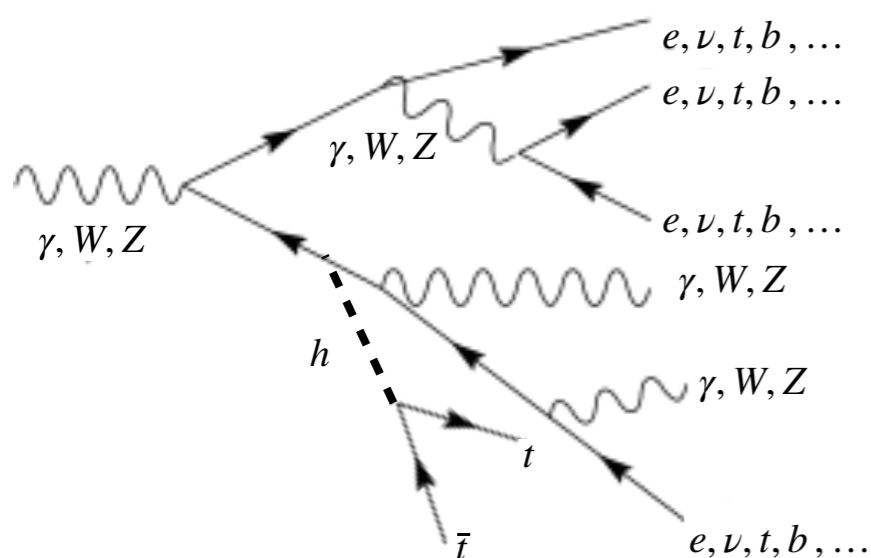
Plenty of cool things will happen:

Electroweak Restoration. The $SU(2) \times U(1)$ group emerging, finally!

Electroweak Radiation in nearly massless broken gauge theory.
Never observed, never computed (and we don't know how!)

The **partonic content of the muon:** EW bosons, neutrinos, gluons, tops, ...
Copious scattering of 5 TeV neutrinos!

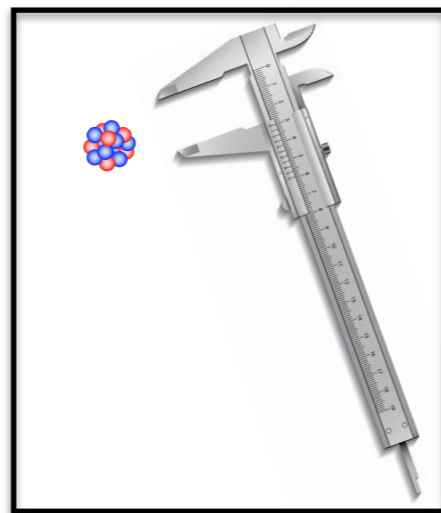
The **particle content of partons:** e.g., find Higgs in tops, or in W's, etc
Neutrino jets will be observed, and many more cool things



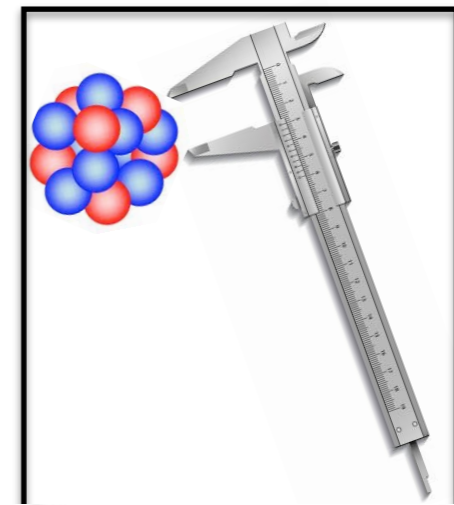
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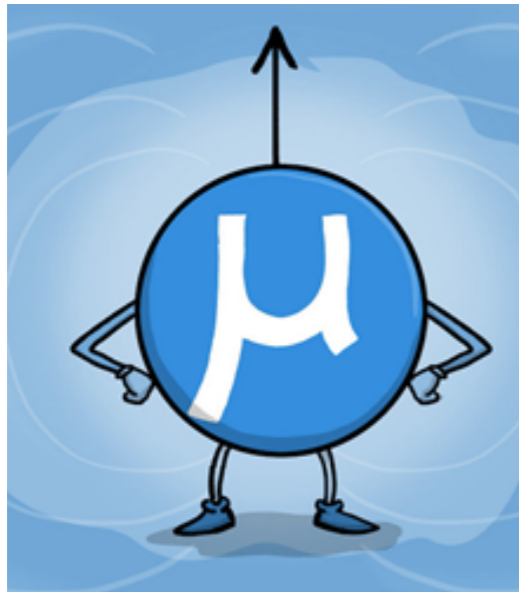
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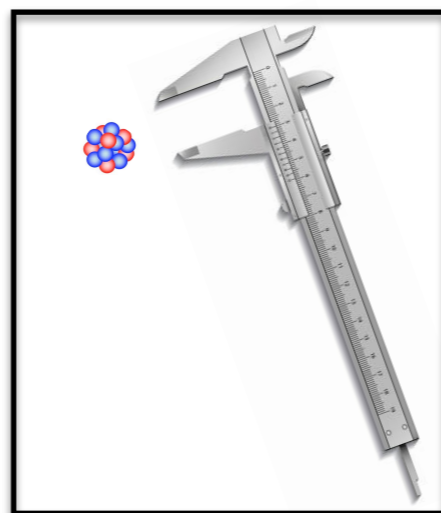
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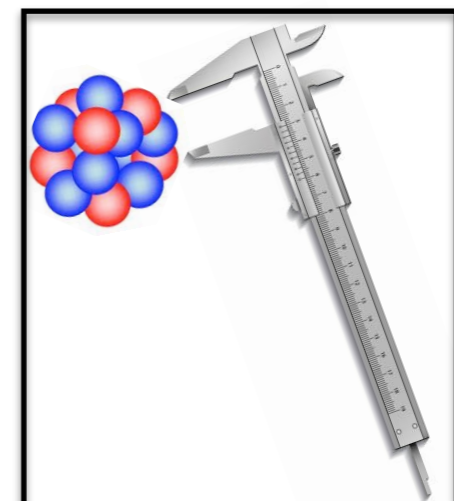
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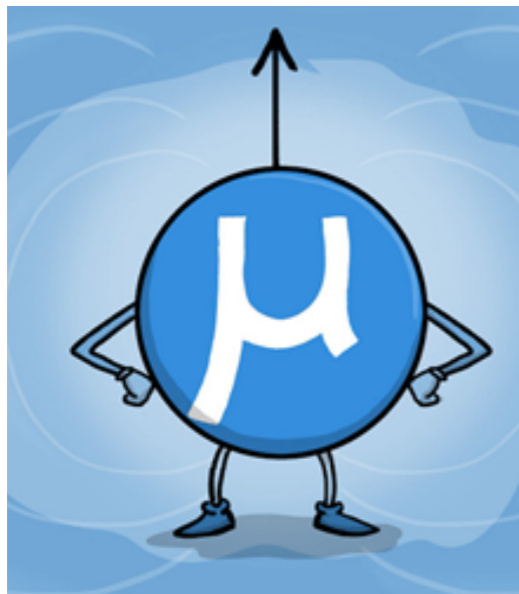
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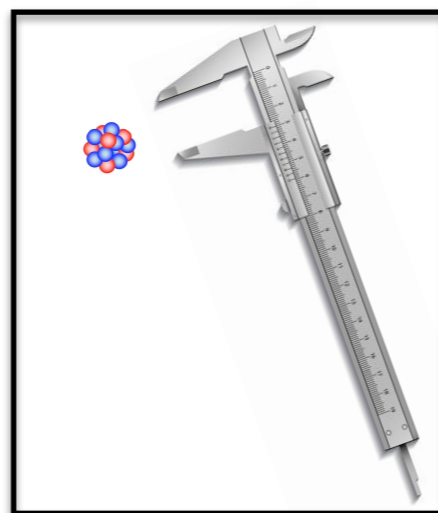
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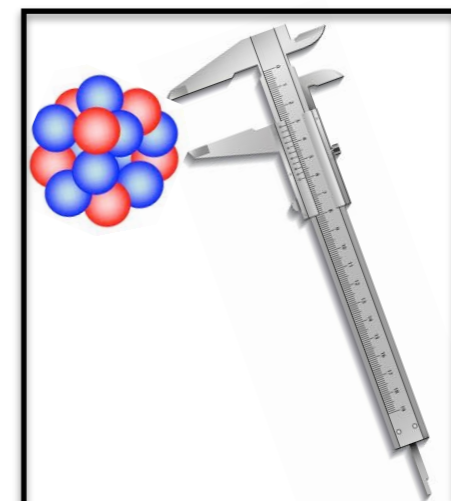
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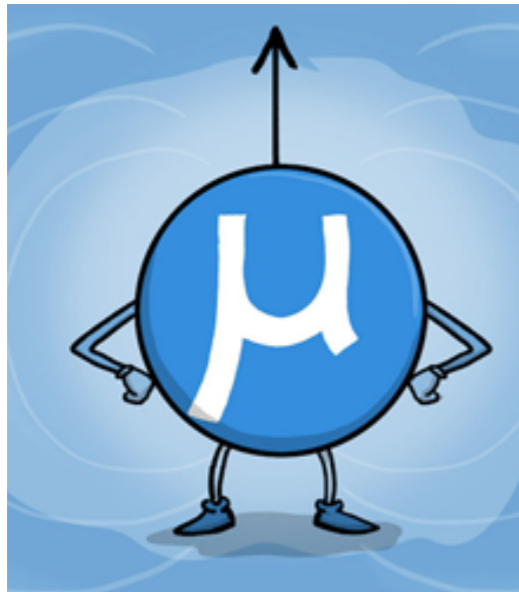
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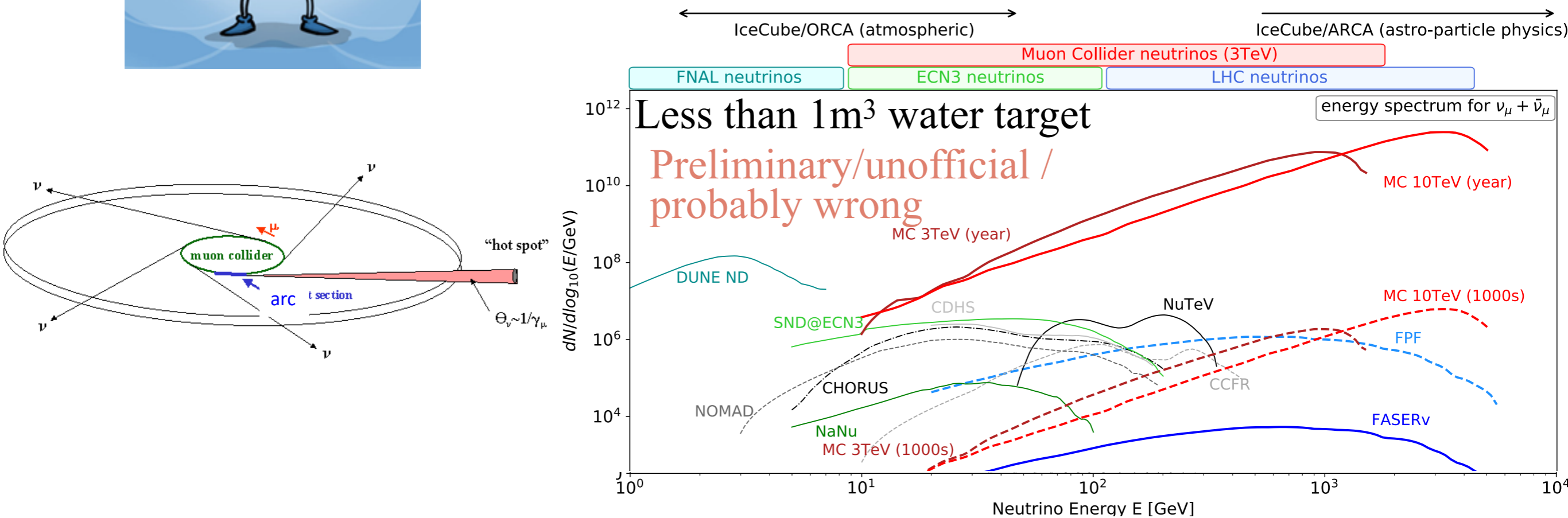
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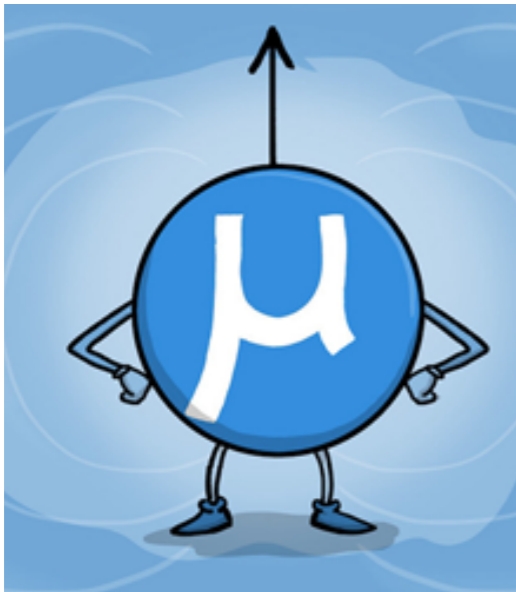
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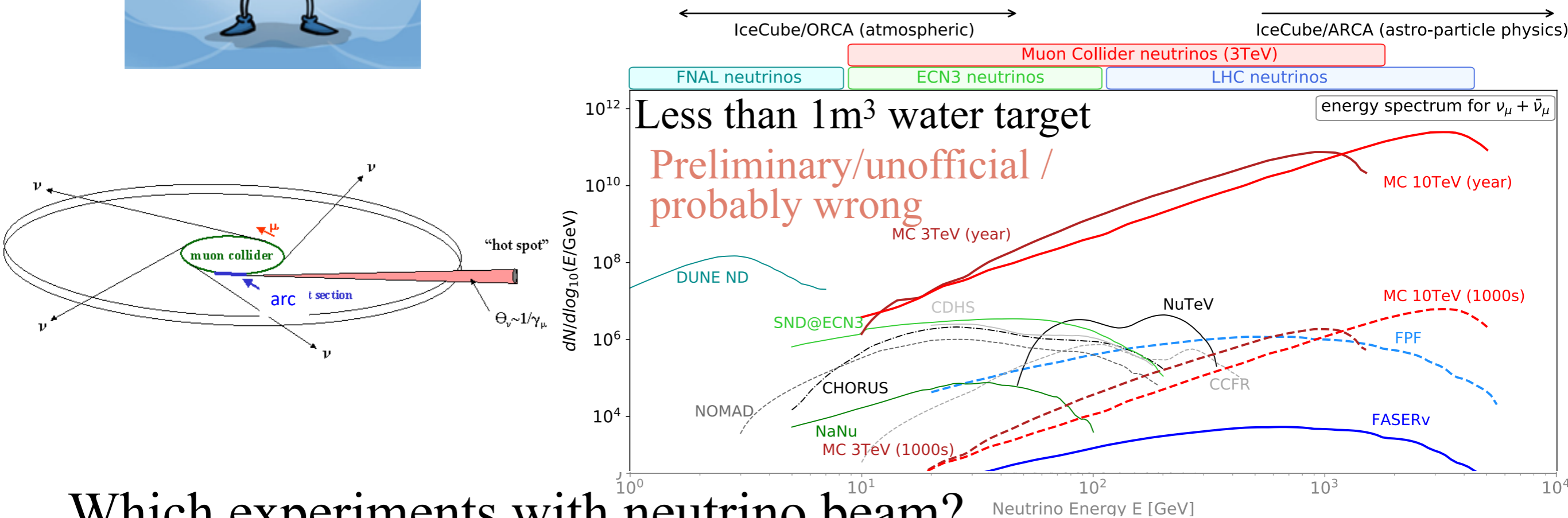
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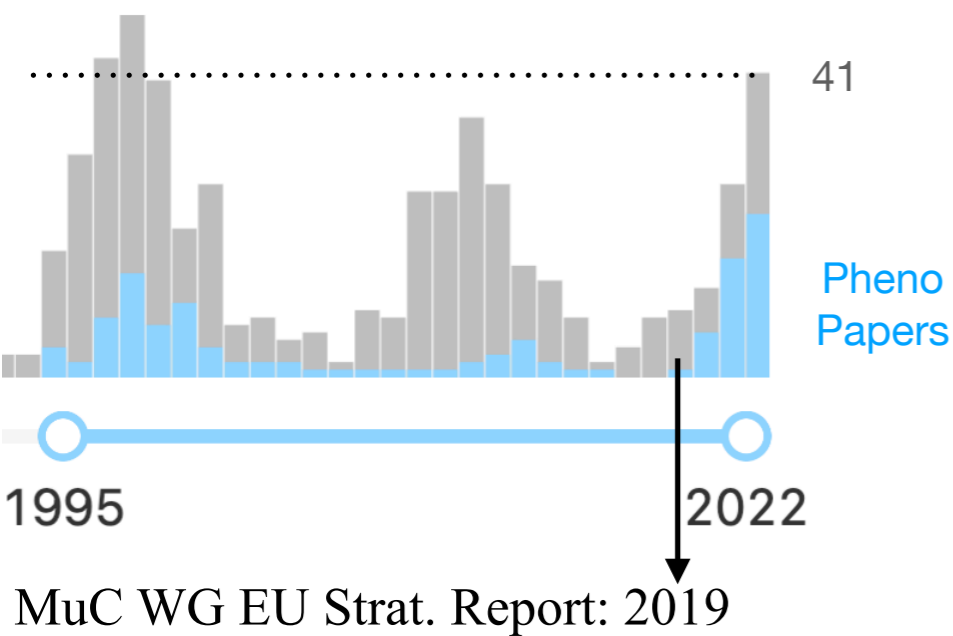
Which experiments with neutrino beam?

Statistics could enable ground-breaking PDF program

What about neutrino physics? Which BSM opportunities?

Why Working on the Muon Collider

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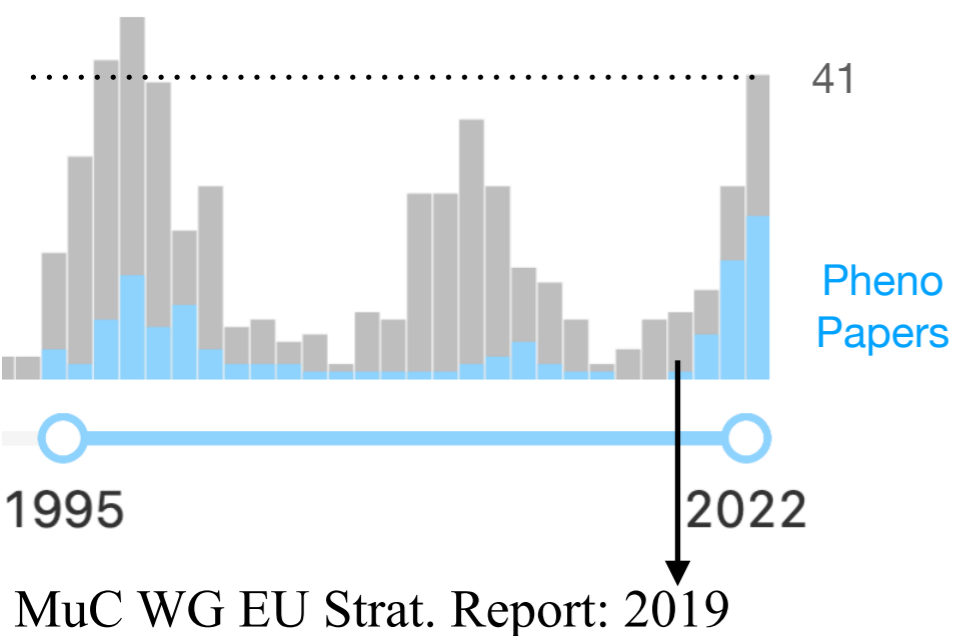


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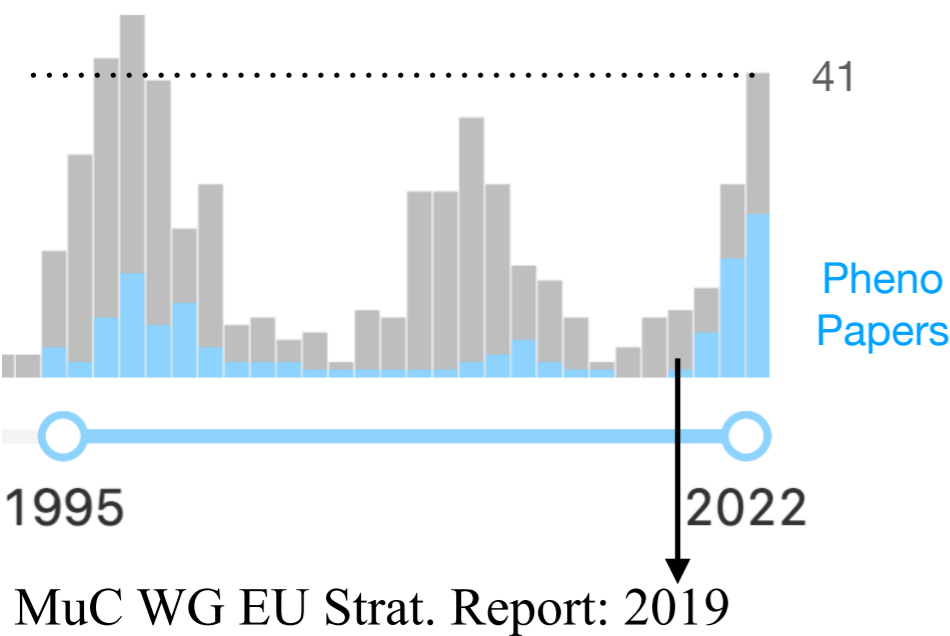
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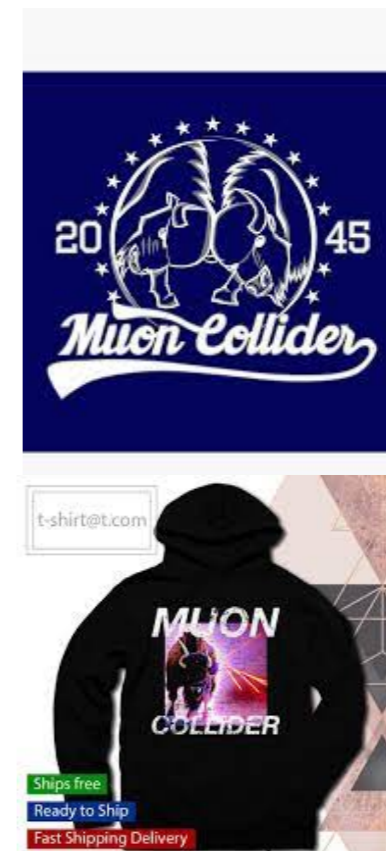
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Furthermore:

MuC design and technology advances during and after MAP.

E.g., MICE demonstrated cooling; MUCOOL demonstrated RF in high B-field; 30 T magnets for final cooling demonstrated.

MuC now part of European Roadmap for Accelerator R&D.

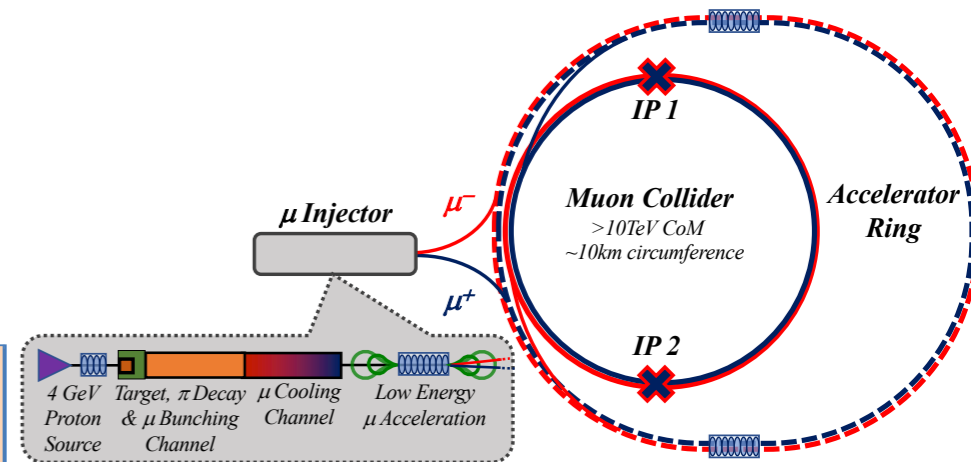
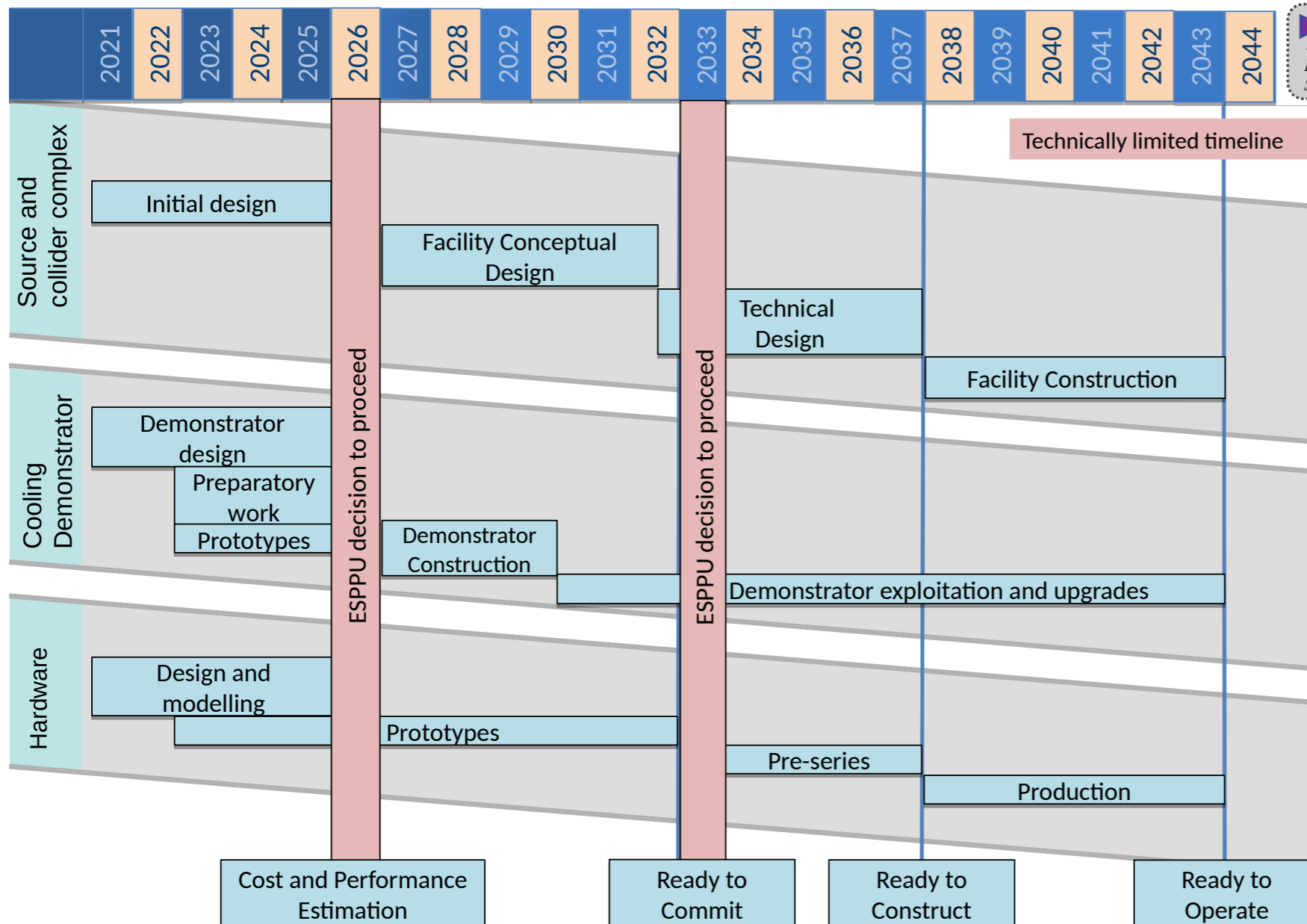
The **IMCC** started working full steam with more ambitious goal than MAP

No showstopper identified. **Timeline** for R&D being implemented by IMCC

Muon Collider Plans

Technically limited timeline:

Soon we will know if concept mature for full CDR.
 Demonstrator program will initiate right after.
 Stay tuned for consolidated timeline release

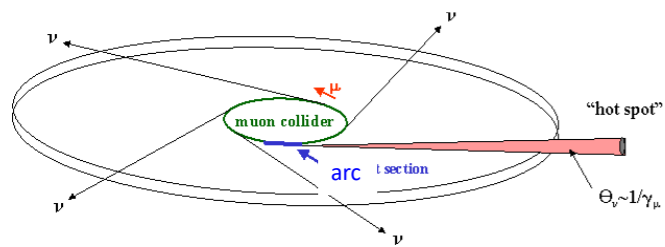


Muon Collider Plans

Principal Challenges:

- Demonstrate neutrino flux mitigation system
- Full design of collider and acceleration
- Integration of muon production and cooling stages
- Optimise collider/MDI for the suppression of BIB from muon decay

Neutrino Flux Mitigation

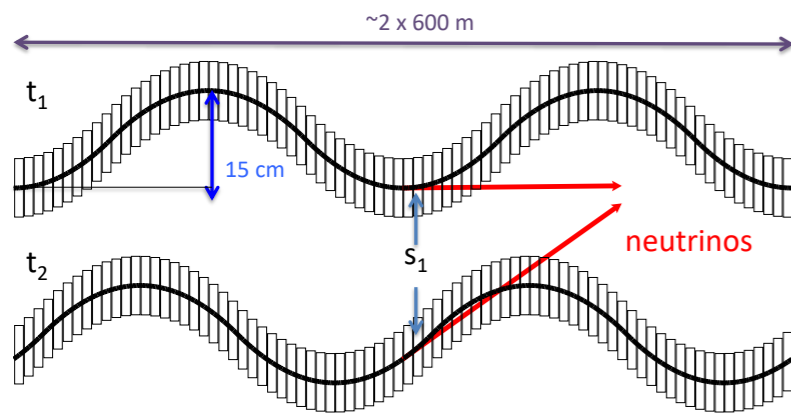


Concentrate neutrino cone from arcs can approach legal limits for 14 TeV

Goal is to reduce to level similar to LHC

3 TeV, 200 m deep tunnel is about OK

Need mitigation of arcs at 10+ TeV: idea of Mokhov, Ginneken to move beam in aperture
Our approach: move collider ring components, e.g. vertical bending with 1% of main field



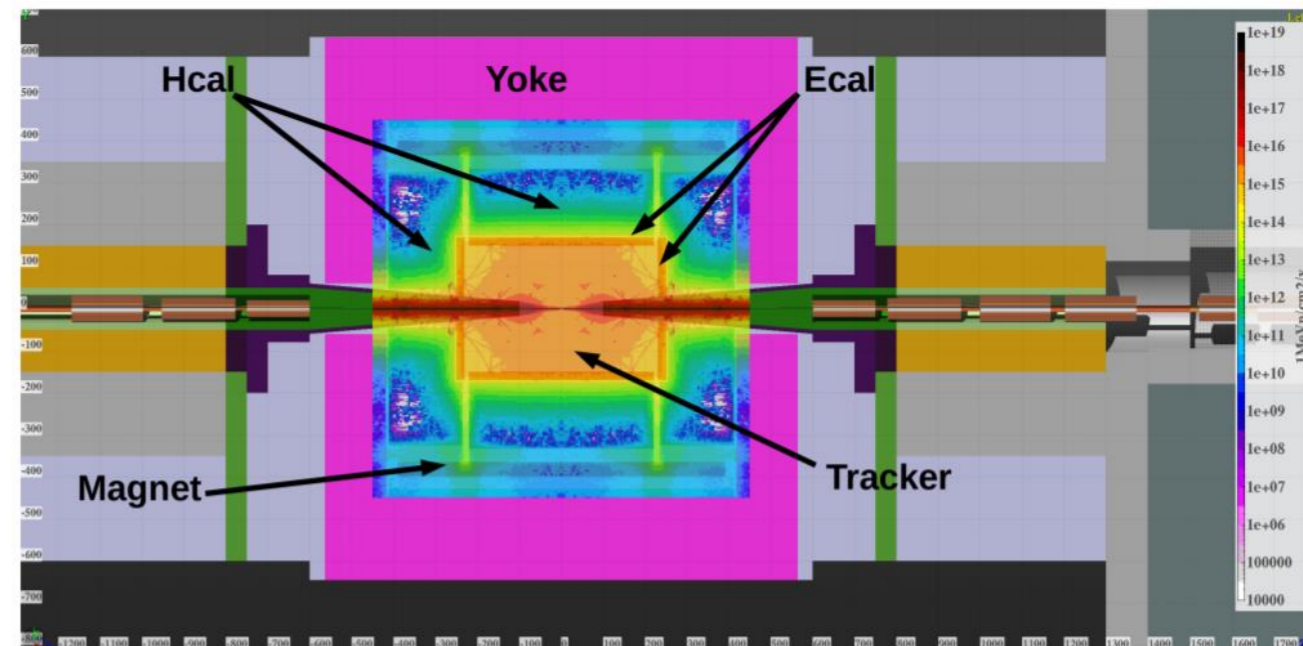
Opening angle ± 1 mradian

14 TeV, in 200 m deep tunnel comparable to LHC case

Need to study mover system, magnet, connections and impact on beam

Working on different approaches for experimental insertion

MuC features a novel type of BIB. Detector and reconstruction design studies are crucial even at this early stage.



FLUKA @ 1.5 TeV

Experiment Design

Design detector for precision at multi-TeV scale

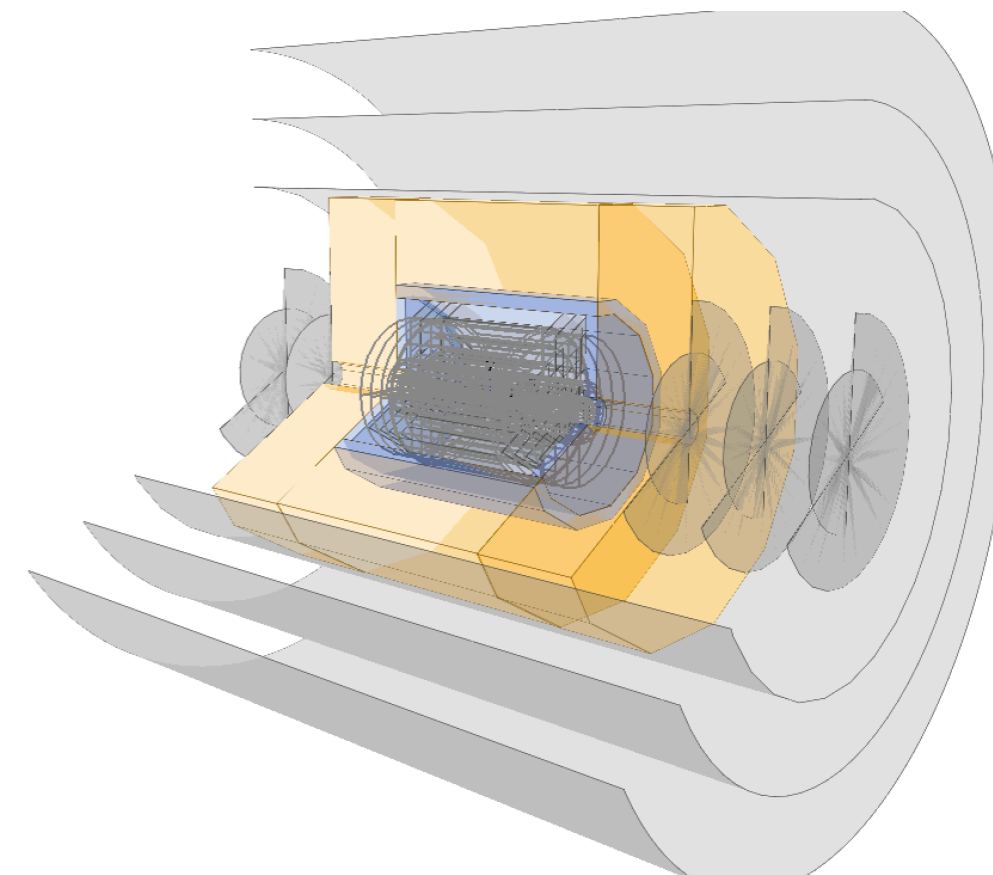
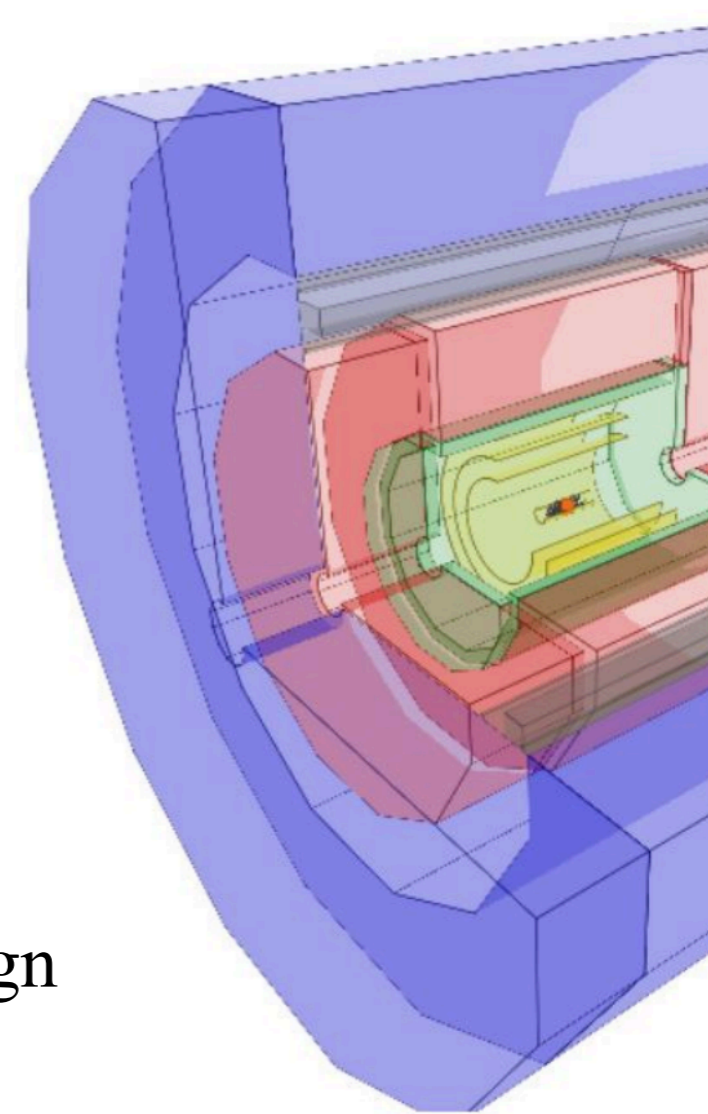
- Extract physics from GeV- and from TeV-energy particles
- Built-in sensitivity to “unconventional” signatures

The BIB is under control. See EPJC Review

- Demonstrated LHC-level performances with CLIC-like design
- Sensitivity to Higgs production
- Disappearing tracks detection

Exciting opportunities ahead

- Explore new detector concepts
- Identify and pursue key R&D requirements for technology development in next 20 years
- New challenges → new techniques that could be ported back to HL-LHC and F.C.
- Tackle the gigantic physics program of the MuC!



Conclusions

MuC could be best option for continuation of the HEP journey
R&D has initiated. Design consolidation will be soon completed.

Why working on muon collider physics?

It is **Important**: we must **consolidate** the potential, define **new targets**, **motivate** and **inform** Accelerator design.

It is **Fun**: novel BSM possibilities wait to be explored, as well as novel challenges for predictions, object reconstruction, BIB mitigation, etc.

The novelty of the theme and the lack of established solution enables and require innovative research that will **advance particle physics today**, on top of paving the way toward a muon collider further in the future.

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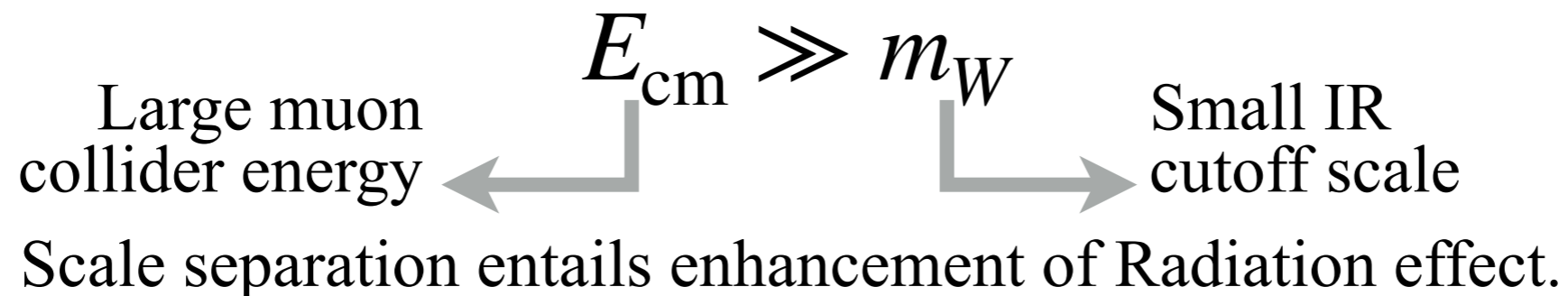
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Thank You !

Backup

Theory Challenges

EW theory is weakly coupled, but observables are not IR safe



Like QCD ($E \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$) and QED ($E \gg m_\gamma = 0$), **but:**

EW symmetry is broken:
EW color is observable ($W \neq Z$).
KLN Theorem non-applicable.
(inclusive observables not safe)

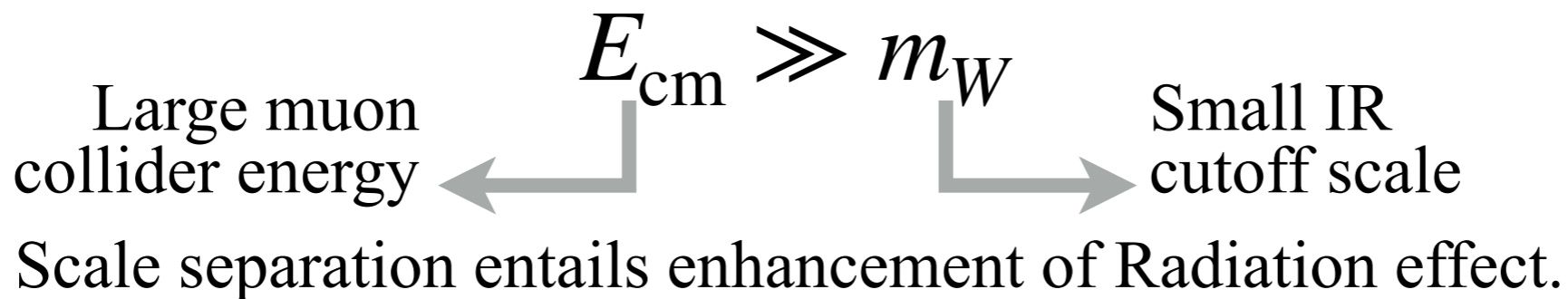
Practical need of computing
EW Radiation effects
Enhanced by $\log^{(2)} E^2/m_{\text{EW}}^2$

EW theory is Weakly-Coupled
The IR cutoff is physical

First-Principle predictions
must be possible
For arbitrary multiplicity final state

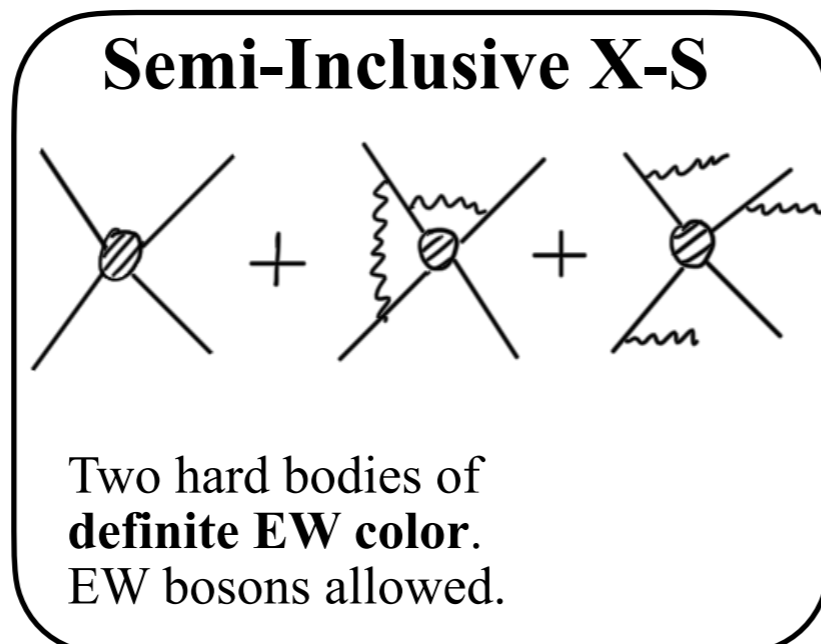
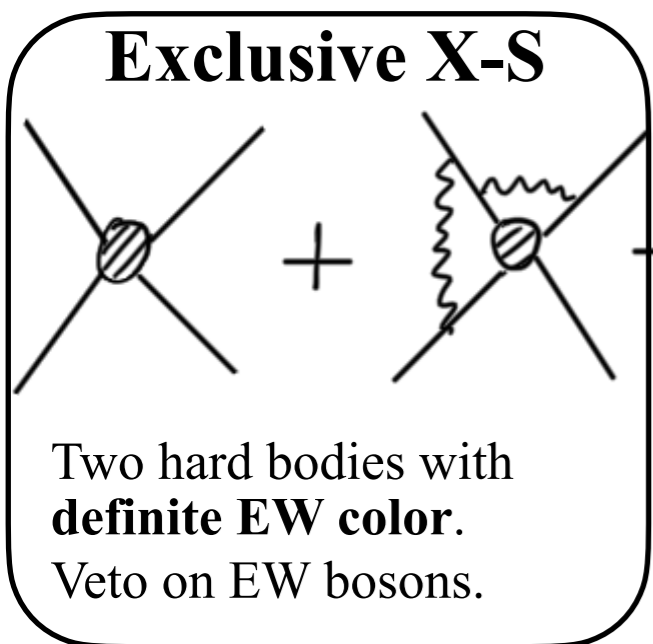
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Quantitatively, resummation is needed.

$$\exp \left[-g^2 / 16\pi^2 \log^2(E_{\text{cm}}^2 / m_W^2) \times \text{Casimir} \right] \approx \exp[-1] \quad \xrightarrow{10 \text{ TeV MuC}}$$



Process	N (Ex)	N (S-I)
$e^+ e^-$	6794	9088
$e\nu_e$	—	2305
$\mu^+ \mu^-$	206402	254388
$\mu\nu_\mu$	—	93010
$\tau^+ \tau^-$	6794	9088
$\tau\nu_\tau$	—	2305
jj (Nt)	19205	25725
jj (Ch)	—	5653
$c\bar{c}$	9656	12775
cj	—	5653

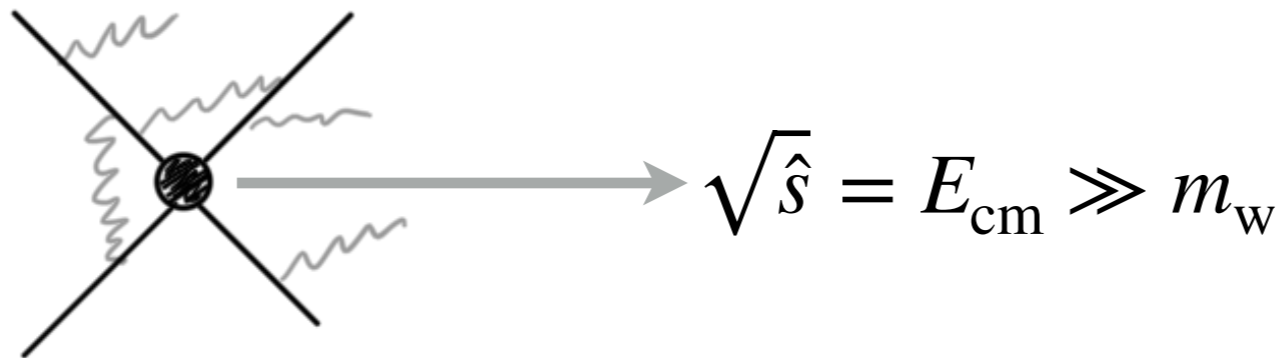
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$b\bar{b}$	4573	6273
$t\bar{t}$	9771	11891
bt	—	5713
$Z_0 h$	680	858
$W_0^+ W_0^-$	1200	1456
$W_T^+ W_T^-$	2775	5027
$W^\pm h$	—	506
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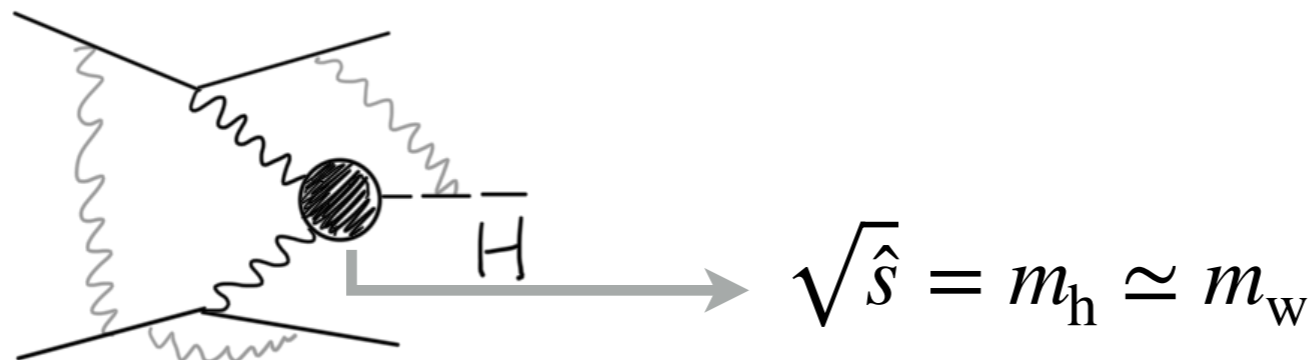
Benchmark predictions we must learn how to make:

- Direct $2 \rightarrow 2$ annihilation:



need X-S calculations and modelling of radiation (showering)

- EW-scale VBS: single Higgs production:



same scale of radiation emission as of scattering